

POLITICS

Travel ruling paves way for more refugees, but appeal awaits

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WASHINGTON — A court decision on President Donald Trump's travel ban has reopened a window for tens of thousands of refugees to enter the United States, and the government is looking to quickly close it.

The administration late Friday appealed directly to the U.S. Supreme Court after a federal judge in Hawaii ordered it to allow in refugees formally working with a resettlement agency in the United States.

U.S. District Judge Derrick Watson on also vastly expanded the list of U.S. family relationships that refugees



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Hawaii Attorney General Douglas Chin speaks at a news conference recently about President Donald Trump's travel ban in Honolulu.

and visitors from six Muslim-majority countries can use to get into the country, including grandparents and grandchildren.

In its appeal, the U.S.

Justice Department said Watson's interpretation of the Supreme Court's ruling on what family relationships qualify refugees and visitors from the six Muslim-majority

countries to enter the U.S. "empties the court's decision of meaning, as it encompasses not just 'close' family members, but virtually all family members. Treating all of these relationships as 'close familial relationship(s)' reads the term 'close' out of the Court's decision."

Only the Supreme Court can decide these issues surrounding the travel ban, the Justice Department said. "Only this Court can definitively settle whether the government's reasonable implementation is consistent with this Court's stay," it said.

Watson's ruling Thursday was the latest twist in a long, tangled legal fight that will

culminate with arguments before the nation's high court in October.

It could help more than 24,000 refugees who had already been vetted and approved by the United States but would have been barred by the 120-day freeze on refugee admissions, said Becca Heller, director of the International Refugee Assistance Project, a resettlement agency.

"Many of them had already sold all of their belongings to start their new lives in safety," she said. "This decision gives back hope to so many who would otherwise be stranded indefinitely."

Citing a need to review

its vetting process to ensure national security, the administration capped refugee admissions at 50,000 for the 12-month period ending Sept. 30, a ceiling it hit this week.

The federal budget can accommodate up to 75,000 refugees, but admissions have slowed under Trump, and the government could hold them to a trickle, resettlement agencies say.

"Absolutely this is good news for refugees, but there's a lot of uncertainty," said Melanie Nezer, spokeswoman for HIAS, a resettlement agency. "It's really going to depend on how the administration reacts to this."

Groups call part of health care bill 'unworkable'

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WASHINGTON — Two of the insurance industry's most powerful organizations say a crucial provision in the Senate Republican health care bill allowing the sale of bare-bones policies is "unworkable in any form," delivering a blow to party leaders' efforts to win support for their legislation.

The language was crafted by conservative Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, and leaders have included it in the overall bill in hopes of winning votes from other congressional conservatives. But moderates have worried it will cause people with serious illnesses to lose coverage, and some conservatives say it doesn't go far enough.

Two of the 52 GOP senators have already said they will oppose the legislation. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell cannot lose any others for the legislation to survive a showdown vote expected next week.

The overall measure represents the Senate GOP's attempt to deliver on the party's promise to repeal President Barack Obama's health care law, which they've been pledging to do since its 2010 enactment.



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Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky. walks to his office recently on Capitol Hill in Washington.

The criticism of Cruz's provision was lodged in a rare joint statement by America's Health Care Plans and the BlueCross BlueShield Association. The two groups released it late Friday in the form of a letter to McConnell, R-Ky.

"It is simply unworkable in any form," the letter said. They said it would "undermine protections for those with pre-existing medical conditions," increase premiums and lead many to lose

coverage.

The provision would let insurers sell low-cost policies with skimpy coverage, as long as they also sell policies that meet a stringent list of services they're required to provide under Obama's law, like mental health counseling and prescription drugs.

Cruz says the proposal would drive down premiums and give people the option of buying the coverage they feel they need.

Critics say the measure

would encourage healthy people to buy the skimpy, low-cost plans, leaving sicker consumers who need more comprehensive coverage confronting unaffordable costs. The insurers' statement backs up that assertion, lending credence to wary senators' worries and complicating McConnell's task of winning them over.

The two groups say premiums would "skyrocket" for people with preexisting conditions, especially for

middle-income families who don't qualify for the bill's tax credit. They also say the plan would leave consumers with fewer insurance options, so "millions of more individuals will become uninsured."

According to an analysis by the BlueCross BlueShield Association, major federal consumer protections would not be required for new plans permitted by the Cruz amendment.

Among them: guaranteed coverage at standard rates for people with pre-existing conditions, comprehensive benefits, coverage of preventive care — including birth control for women — at no added cost to the consumer, and limits on out-of-pocket spending for deductibles and copayments.

The bill provides \$70 billion for states to use to help contain rising costs for people with serious conditions. But the insurance groups' statement says that amount "is insufficient and additional funding will not make the provision workable for consumers or taxpayers."

The Cruz provision language in the bill is not final. McConnell and other Republicans are considering ways to revise it in hopes of winning broader support.

Afghan girls robotics team arrives in US just in time

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Twice rejected for U.S. visas, an all-girls robotics team from Afghanistan arrived in Washington early Saturday after an extraordinary, last-minute intervention by President Donald Trump.

The six-girl team and their chaperone completed their journey just after midnight from their hometown of Herat, Afghanistan, to enter their ball-sorting robot in the three-day high school competition starting Sunday in the U.S. capital. Awaiting them at the gate at Washington Dulles International Airport were a U.S. special envoy and Afghan Ambassador Hamdullah Mohib, who described it as a rare moment of celebration for his beleaguered nation.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2017

Public Hearing
10:30 a.m.

Regular Meeting
Immediately following the Public Hearing

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive presentation and discussion regarding the Authority's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2018 including the Capital Improvement Plan of the FKA.

The Public Hearing will also include presentation and discussion on the increase of 5% in Fiscal Year 2018 and 5% in Fiscal Year 2019 for the purpose of funding the replacement of the Reverse Osmosis facility on Stock Island as well as transmission and distribution system upgrades.

The purpose of the Regular Meeting is for the Board to take action on routine business matters for the FKA (potable water and wastewater issues) and to receive reports on operational aspects of the organization.

All agendas and backup can be viewed on our web site @ www.fkaa.com, or a copy of the Agenda, or any backup, is available upon request from FKA, Janet Coley, Executive Office Coordinator, 1100 Kennedy Drive, Key West, FL 33040, (305) 295-2205, jcoley@fkaa.com.

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Military cyber operations to be revamped

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WASHINGTON — After months of delay, the Trump administration is finalizing plans to revamp the nation's military command for defensive and offensive cyber operations in hopes of intensifying America's ability to wage cyberwar against the Islamic State group and other foes, according to U.S. officials.

Under the plans, U.S. Cyber Command would eventually be split off from the intelligence-focused National Security Agency. Details are still being



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This photo shows the National Security Administration (NSA) campus in Fort Meade, Md., where the US Cyber Command is located.

worked out, but officials say they expect a decision and announcement in the coming weeks. The officials weren't authorized to speak publicly on the matter so

requested anonymity.

The goal, they said, is to give U.S. Cyber Command more autonomy, freeing it from any constraints that stem from working along-

side the NSA, which is responsible for monitoring and collecting telephone, internet and other intelligence data from around the world — a responsibility that can sometimes clash with military operations against enemy forces.

Making cyber an independent military command will put the fight in digital space on the same footing as more traditional realms of battle on land, in the air, at sea and in space. The move reflects the escalating threat of cyberattacks and intrusions from other nation states, terrorist groups and hackers.

Budget deficit to be \$99B higher this year

WASHINGTON — The White House says worsening tax revenues will cause the budget deficit to jump to \$702 billion this year. That's a \$99 billion spike from what was predicted less than two months ago.

The report from the Office of Management and Budget comes on the heels of a rival Congressional Budget Office analysis that scuttled White House claims that its May budget, if implemented to the letter, would balance the federal ledger within 10 years. The OMB report

doesn't repeat that claim and instead provides just two years of updated projections.

The White House budget office also says the deficit for the 2018 budget year that starts on Oct. 1 will increase by \$149 billion to \$589 billion. But lawmakers are already working on spending bills that promise to boost that number even higher by adding to Trump's Pentagon proposal and ignoring many of Trump's cuts to domestic programs.

Last year's deficit registered \$585 billion.

The White House kept the report to a bare-bones minimum and cast blame on "the failed policies of the previous administration."

"The rising near-term deficits underscore the critical need to restore fiscal discipline to the nation's finances," said White House budget director Mick Mulvaney. "Our nation must make substantial changes to the policies and spending priorities of the previous administration if our citizens are to be safe and prosperous in the future."

In late May, Trump released a budget plan proposing jarring cuts to domestic programs and promising to balance the budget within a decade. But it relied on rosy predictions of economic growth to promise a slight surplus in 2027. Trump's budget, however, left alone Social Security retirement benefits and Medicare, though House Republicans are poised next week to again propose cutting Medicare as they unveil their nonbinding budget outline.

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Honolulu fire: Most high-rise residents will be allowed back

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HONOLULU — Karen Hastings was in her 31st floor Honolulu apartment when she smelled smoke. She ran out to her balcony, looked down, and saw flames five floors below her.

“The fire just blew up and went flying right out the windows,” the 71-year-old Hastings said of the first moments of the high-rise blaze that killed at least three people and injured 12. “And that was like a horror movie. Except it wasn’t a horror movie, it was for real.”

The fire broke out Friday afternoon in a unit on the 26th floor, where all three of the dead were found, Fire Chief Manuel Neves said.

The building known as the Marco Polo residences is not required to have fire sprinklers, which would have confined the blaze to the unit where it started, Neves said. The 36-floor building near the tourist mecca of Waikiki was built in 1971, before sprinklers were mandatory in high-rises. It has over 500 units.

Late into the night as embers smoldered, firefighters were searching the damaged areas to make sure no additional people perished. The names of the victims haven’t been released.



Smoke billows from the upper floors of the Marco Polo apartment complex Friday in Honolulu.

Hastings said the fear-some flames drove her and a neighbor to run down 14 floors until they found a safe stairwell to get some air.

“We actually saw a person laying on a ledge and I don’t know whether he made it not,” Hastings said.

The building is vast and wave-shaped, and has several sections. The blaze was mostly confined to a single section, and only the units immediately above it and to the side of it were evacuated, while many residents stayed inside.

Tuskegee Syphilis Study descendants to seek legal settlement money

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Descendants of hundreds of black men who were left untreated for syphilis during an infamous government study want a judge to give them any money remaining from a \$9 million legal settlement over the program.

The head of an organization for descendants of the Tuskegee Syphilis Study

said the money could help fund college scholarships the group provides, and members would like to develop a memorial garden dedicated to the men.

Some of the funds also could go to a county-owned museum located in Tuskegee that has separately requested the funds, but the decision should be up to the descendants, said Lillie Tyson Head, president of the Voices of our Fathers Legacy Foundation.

“It was meant to go to the descendants in the first place,” Head, who lives in Virginia, said in an interview Friday.

The Voices group has sent a letter to U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson asking him to withhold a decision on the money until they have time to hire a lawyer and file documents in the long-running, class-action lawsuit over the study.

Attacker first sat, spoke with 2 victims

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HURGHADA, Egypt — The Egyptian university graduate who stabbed two German women to death at a popular Red Sea resort first sat and spoke to them in fluent German before producing a large kitchen knife and attacking them, security officials said Saturday.

Leaving them for dead, 29-year-old Abdel-Rahman Shaaban fled the scene, chased by hotel workers and security guards. He rushed into the hotel next door where he attacked and wounded four female tourists who, according to local media reports, included two Armenians, one from Ukraine and another from the Czech Republic.

“Stay back, I am not after Egyptians,” Shaaban shouted in Arabic at his pursuers, according to the officials. They eventually caught up with him, disarmed and pinned him down and later handed him over to the police. Shaaban stabbed the women in the face, neck and feet, said the officials.

Ride-share

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arrived and are causing congestion, breaking traffic laws and clogging Duval Street by waiting for fares, Jernigan said.

“(The first week) everybody kind of worked together. We had Ubers out there but it wasn’t 50 or 60, it was maybe eight or 10,” Jernigan said. “When Uber didn’t get a big enough show in Key West they got the people from Miami down here.”

While some drivers may be traveling down U.S. 1 to work, more than 70 percent of rides on the island have been completed by drivers with registered Key West addresses, according to Uber Public Affairs Manager Javi Correoso.

“The vast majority of drivers that have completed

trips thus far in Key West are from the Florida Keys,” Correoso said.

While Lyft doesn’t disclose driver or ride information, Communications Manager Campbell Matthews said the company has “hundreds of drivers in Key West.”

There are rumors of ride-sharing drivers packing into hotel rooms and sleeping in their cars and all of the added competition, along with the strain on the wallets of cab drivers, is going to lead to a confrontation between competing drivers, Jernigan said.

“It’s going to happen and when that happens it’s going to be all in one night and it’s going to be bad,” he said.

Uber does not assist drivers with hotel costs, Correoso said.

Although drivers may have received minor traffic infractions, there have been no Uber or Lyft related calls

to the Key West police or code compliance departments, according to Public Information Officer Alyson Crean and Code Director Jim Young.

The city needs to regulate the businesses to limit drivers to Monroe County residents and perform driver and vehicle checks to make sure all the new operators are compliant, Jernigan said.

“If it was only Monroe County drivers we could all survive,” he said. “This is going to put 300 families out of jobs and that’s a ton of people on unemployment.”

Although she has already lost one driver, Stifel doesn’t have any plans to end her 25-year run in the taxi business.

“We’re waiting for it to shake out,” she said. “I have to, it’s my livelihood, it’s all I’ve got.”

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Lighting should have alerted pilots of potential disaster

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Investigators looking into the frighteningly close call involving an airliner that nearly hit planes on the ground at San Francisco International Airport will try to determine why the pilots made such a rookie mistake and nearly landed on a busy taxiway instead of the runway.

The Air Canada plane with 140 people aboard came within 100 feet of crashing onto the first two of the four passenger-filled planes readying for takeoff.

Runways are edged with rows of white lights, and another system of lights on the side of the runway helps guide pilots on their descent. By contrast, taxiways have blue lights on the edges and green lights down the center.

“The lighting is different for good reason,” said Steven Wallace, a former director of accident investigations at the Federal Aviation Administration. “Some of these visual mistakes are hard to believe, but a crew gets fixated with thinking ‘That’s the runway,’ and it’s not.”

Then there is the radio transmission in which one of the Air Canada pilots sounded puzzled about seeing what appeared to be the lights of other planes on the runway. Safety experts said that should have prompted the crew to abort their approach long before they did.

Pilots said so-called glide slope technology in modern airliners also should have helped the crew find the runway unless they failed to

set it up as they approached the airport.

“This was a clear crew error with many facets, I suspect,” said Alan Price, a former chief pilot for Delta.

When investigators interview the pilots, they will focus on understanding how mistakes occurred “and why they did not realize the sequence of errors,” said John Cox, a safety consultant and former airline pilot.

Investigators will look at the pilots’ use of automated-flying systems, their manual flying skills, and how they interacted with each other as uncertainty set in, he said.

Investigators from the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board may arrive this weekend and interview the pilots and air traffic controllers, an agency spokesman said Friday.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF COUNTY FINAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION

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This notice serves to inform you of the date for the public hearing continued at the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners meeting on May 17, 2017

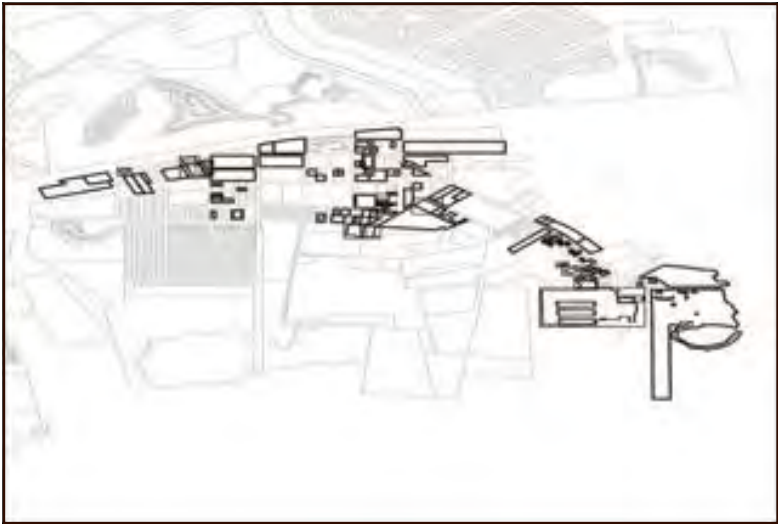
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN that on **August 16, 2017 at 3:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard,** at the **Harvey Government Center, 1200 Truman Ave, Key West, FL, Monroe County, Florida,** the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida will hold a public hearing to consider approval of the following County resolution:

**South Stock Island Wastewater Service Area, Phase 2
Wastewater Assessment Program
Final Assessment Resolution**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF WASTEWATER SERVICE TO PROPERTIES ON SOUTH STOCK ISLAND; IMPOSING ANNUAL WASTEWATER ASSESSMENTS FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED WITHIN THE SOUTH STOCK ISLAND WASTEWATER ASSESSMENT PROGRAM PHASE 2 WASTEWATER SERVICE AREA; APPROVING THE NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF THE WASTEWATER ASSESSMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The figure below depicts the limits of the Stock Island Wastewater Service Area, Phase 2 to include parcels in South Stock Island, a portion of the unincorporated area bounded on the west by Cow Key Channel, on the east by Boca Chica Channel, on the north by the centerline of U.S.1 (State Road No. 5), and on the south by the Atlantic Ocean. The final non-ad valorem assessment roll prepared as directed by the adoption of this resolution will include properties to receive central wastewater service in the vacuum collection area.

**Figure 1.
SOUTH STOCK ISLAND WASTEWATER SERVICE AREA, PHASE II**



All affected property owners have a right to appear and provide input at the hearing and may file written objections with the County Administrator any time prior to the public meeting. Copies of the Final Assessment Resolution can be viewed on the Monroe County website at <http://fl-monroecounty.civicplus.com/agendacenter> upon publication of the August 16, 2017 BOCC agenda. Copies of the Initial Assessment Resolution and the preliminary assessment roll are also available for inspection at the County Administrator’s Office at the Historic Gato Cigar Factory, 1100 Simonton St., Suite 2-205, Key West, Florida beginning on April 13, 2017.

The non-ad valorem assessments will be collected on the ad valorem tax bill, as authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. Failure to pay the assessment will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property, which may result in loss of title. The Board intends to collect the assessments in installments, the first of which will be included on the ad valorem tax bill to be mailed in November 2017.

Florida Statutes section 286.0105: If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceeding, and for such purpose, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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Dated at Key West, Florida this 13th day of July, 2017.

KEVIN MADOK, Clerk of the Circuit Court and ex officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida

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Blimp

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the Customs and Border Protection's Tethered Aerostat Radar System program and are used to monitor the southern borders of the United States. The blimps are used to counter migrant and drug smuggling.

The agency has six between Arizona and Texas monitoring the border with Mexico and one in Puerto Rico, Brown said.

The blimps, or aerostats, monitor aircraft traffic and report aircraft that are "displaying suspicious behavior" to roughly a dozen agents working at the agency's Air and Marine Operation Center in

Riverside, California, Brown said.

Such behavior includes a pilot deviating from his or her flight plan, flying at a low altitude and not reporting to an international airport, Brown said.

The 150-foot blimp known as "Fat Albert" can detect low-flying aircraft roughly 200 miles away, Brown said. The blimp can fly as high as 14,000 feet, but generally fly below 10,000 feet, Brown said.

The agency recently began testing a new smaller blimp at Cudjoe Key. The blimp is designed to monitor boat traffic coming into the country. It flies about 5,000 feet lower than the other aerostat and is also three times smaller, Brown said.

The blimps fly 24 hours,

seven days a week, depending on weather. When storms blow in, the blimps are reeled back to the ground using thick cable. The process takes roughly 50 minutes, Brown said.

The new blimp is only in the Lower Keys for a trial period, Brown said.

"We don't have a long-term plan," Brown said. "I envision it will only be here for a few more weeks or a few more months."

Blimp Road was the first location to host an aerostat, Brown said. Brown was not sure exactly when the first blimp was station there, but estimates to be about 1978.

There had been two blimps stationed there at one time. One of the blimps was used to transmit propaganda to Cuba via TV and

Radio Marti and the other was used to monitor aircraft to counter smuggling.

The facility suffered major flooding damage in the 2004 and 2005 hurricane seasons and the second blimp was never put back into service, Brown said.

"Fat Albert" has become iconic in the Florida Keys and the sources of many news clipping.

"Fat Albert" garnered headlines in 2007 when three people were killed after their private Cessna plane hit one of its cables and crashed. However, the blimp was unscathed.

In January 1991, the blimp broke free of its tether while being lowered for maintenance and drifted over the Everglades before crews activated a remote-control pressure valve.

The program suffered a series of crashes between March 1993 and February 1994, when high winds claimed three aerostats, according to The Citizen reports.

The Miami Herald reported in April 1989 that the blimp broke free while it was being lowered due to inclement weather only to crash into the Gulf of Mexico about a mile north of Cudjoe Key.

In 1981, four lobster fishermen were taken on a wild ride when they hooked a runaway blimp to their 23-foot fishing boat in August of that year, according to Miami Herald reports.



BRIAN BASHAM/The Citizen

Customs and Border Protection blimp 'Fat Albert' holds 250,000 cubic feet of helium and can go up to 15,000 feet to monitor air traffic coming into the United States' southern border. A second smaller blimp is currently being tested to monitor marine traffic in the same way. The test period could last up to two months.



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Rape

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other women and that she would live if she didn't resist,

according to the Monroe County Sheriff's Office. He also beat her with an unknown object and choked her to the point she lost consciousness for a period of time. When she woke up, he was still raping her and hitting her.

He then stole her money and left the scene. The woman tried to get motorists on U.S. 1 to help her, but no one stopped, according to the sheriff's office. She eventually walked to a nearby business where they called 911.

Various DNA samples were collected from the Tavernier victim and sent to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement crime scene lab in Fort Myers.

DNA collected from the victim was then put in a database of all the DNA collected by those arrested and a hit came back on

Hayes, according to the sheriff's office. The lab performed the test again to make sure, and again, it came back as Hayes.

Hayes is no stranger to county jail and prison, with a long local arrest history, including drug trafficking, sales and possession, robbery, tampering with a witness, escape, burglary, driving with a suspended license and violating probation.

He has been in and out of state prison nine times since 1987 with the last time being a three-year stint in 2010 on drug trafficking charges, according to Florida Department of Corrections records.

Hayes has had various addresses in the Keys, including Stock Island, Big Pine Key and Marathon, as well as Miami, according to the Sheriff's Office.

Insurance

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lion a year, according to Christine Hurley, deputy county administrator.

The commission voted 4-1, with Commissioner Danny Kolhage dissenting, to approve phasing out the policy during the next five years.

Kolhage opposed the changes because he felt the employees were "promised" the benefits when they were hired, he said.

The county would phase out its subsidy for the early retirees at rate of 20 percent a year for five years, according to the plan that was approved last month. At the end of the five years, those retirees would pay the full department rate for their coverage.

The commissioners who voted in favor of it last month said that it was a

perk the county could no longer afford and taxpayers should no longer have to foot the bill.

In the past two years, the county has been changing its health insurance coverage for its employees and retirees, as it has faced annual shortfalls of \$3 million-plus when it comes to covering insurance costs.

Rice called for the reconsideration because he now has much more information on the savings the commission "put in place with the other items, and on what we may expect as an increase when we adopt next year's budget."

"I was and am hopeful that with more knowledge of the flexibility of our upcoming budget and the savings that we realized from other changes in the plan, the board may feel more inclined to consider an alternative which is less restrictive," Rice told The Citizen last week.



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YOUTH BASKETBALL

Youth basketball camp open for registration

There are still slots open for the W.I.T.T.S. "Whatever It Takes to Succeed" Training youth basketball camp, which is set for Thursday and Friday at Sugarloaf Elementary. Camp organizer Demetrius Roach of the Key West Summer Basketball League INC. said the 7-13 year olds will train from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the 14-18 age group will be from 1:30 to 4 p.m. For information, contact Roach at 305-304-5647 or by email: kwsummerbball@gmail.com.

TODAY ON TV

AUTO RACING

FS1 — FIA World Endurance, Six Hours of Nurburgring, at Nurburg, Germany, 7 a.m.



CNBC — Formula One, British Grand Prix, at Silverstone, England, 7:30 a.m.

FS2 — Formula E, Qualcomm New York City ePrix, Race 2, at Brooklyn, N.Y. (same-day tape), 11 a.m.

FOX — Formula E, Qualcomm New York City ePrix, Race 2, at Brooklyn, N.Y., 1 p.m.



CNBC — IndyCar Series, Honda Indy Toronto, at Toronto, 3 p.m.

NBCSN — NASCAR, Monster Energy Series, Overton's 301, at Loudon, N.H., 3 p.m.

CYCLING



NBCSN — Tour de France, Stage 15, Laissac-Sévérac l'Eglise, France at Le Puy-en-Velay, France, 7:30 a.m.

EXTREME SPORTS

ABC — X Games, at Minneapolis, 1 p.m.

ESPN — X Games, at Minneapolis, 3 p.m.

GOLF



GOLF — European PGA Tour, Aberdeen Asset Management Scottish Open, final round at Troon, Ayrshire, Scotland, 10 a.m.

NBC — European PGA Tour, Aberdeen Asset Management Scottish Open, final round at Troon, Ayrshire, Scotland, 12:30 p.m.

GOLF — PGA Tour, John Deere Classic, final round, at Silvis, Ill., 1 p.m.

FOX — USGA, U.S. Women's Open, final round, at Bedminster, N.J., 2 p.m.

CBS — PGA Tour, John Deere Classic, final round, at Silvis, Ill., 3 p.m.

GOLF — Champions Tour, Constellation Senior Players Championship, final round, at Baltimore, 3 p.m.

NBC — American Century Championship, final round, at Lake Tahoe, Nev., 3 p.m.

GOLF — Web.com Tour, Utah Championship, final round, at Farmington, Utah, 6 p.m.

MLB FSFL — LA Dodgers at Miami, 1 p.m.

TBS — Game 1, N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 1 p.m.

Rays SUN — Tampa Bay at LA Angels, 3:30 p.m.

ESPN — Game 2, N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 8 p.m.

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

FS1 — UFC Fight Night, prelims, at Glasgow, Scotland, 1 p.m.

FS1 — UFC Fight Night, Gunnar Nelson vs. Santiago Ponzinibbio, at Glasgow, Scotland, 3 p.m.

NBA ESPN2 — Summer League Playoffs, semifinal, Portland-San Antonio winner vs. Miami-Memphis winner, at Las Vegas, 6 p.m.

ESPN2 — Summer League Playoffs, semifinal, Boston-Dallas winner vs. L.A. Lakers-Brooklyn winner, at Las Vegas, 8 p.m.

POKER ESPN2 — World Series of Poker, Main

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YOUTH BASEBALL

Cudas jump into New York tourney

BY RON COOKE

Key West Citizen

The Lower Keys Cudas began their week of baseball at the Cooperstown Dreams Park Invitational Tournament on Saturday with the opening ceremony along with 103 other teams. The highlight of the opening day was the skills competition, ending with the home run derby.

At 8:30 a.m. today, the Cudas begin the games against a strong team, the Traction Canes Black from Louisiana, said head coach

Drew Haggard.

"Our 8:30 game is versus the No. 3 team in the nation. They (Canes) made it to the finals last year and lost to Beaver Valley," Haggard said.

Haggard said his probable starter against the Canes will be Andris "Lucky" Barroso with Trevor Zuelch behind the plate. Haggard said Jack Haggard will see plenty of relief innings with Jeremiah Osborne closing out games.

Later today, the Cudas take on

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Photo provided

The Lower Keys Barracudas get dressed in their Cooperstown Field of Dreams blue uniforms as they prepare for the opening ceremony Saturday evening. The Cudas are, front row, left to right: Wyatt Kuhn, Jack Haggard, Mack Hill and Ben Hiller. Middle row: Dylan Ziels, Gabe Williams and Trevor Zuelch. Back row: Anden Rady, Andrew Roberts, Jeremiah Osborne and Andris Barroso.

MEN'S SUMMER BASKETBALL LEAGUE



RON COOKE/The Citizen

Ryan Wagner tries to slow down De'Quan Garner, who breaks the press and moves toward the rim.

Qualls leads Storm Surge past SI Cartel, which went shopping

BY RON COOKE

Key West Citizen

Storm Surge had four players score in double figures led by Johnny Qualls with 17 points during a 77-45 win over the Stock Island Cartel in Key West Summer Basketball League action on the Bill Butler Court at the Bobby

Menendez Gymnasium.

Qualls was followed by Demetrius Roach, who netted 13, while Irekaz Womack canned 11 points and had four boards, B.J. Moore ripped the nets for 10 and had four assists, Eric "Curry Bryant" Armstrong handed out five assists and scored nine, and with five apiece were John Loggie

and John Ryan. Reid Grissinger grabbed a half dozen rebounds and scored four, Alex Fantroy netted two, had four boards and two steals and Leon Bryant added a point.

The Stock Island Cartel will be a much-improved team when they

See BASKETBALL, Page 6B

WOMEN'S TENNIS



The Associated Press

Garbine Muguruza holds the trophy after defeating Venus Williams in the women's singles final match on Saturday at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London.

Muguruza beats Williams for title

BY HOWARD FENDRICH

The Associated Press

LONDON — As a kid, Garbine Muguruza sat in awe in front of the TV as the Williams sisters accumulated Grand Slam titles. They were her role models.

Now Muguruza is all grown up, an emerging tennis star in her own right — and, as of Saturday, the only woman who can boast of beating each Williams in a major final.

Muguruza powered her way to her first Wimbledon championship by playing fearlessly and dominating down the stretch,

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PREP SPORTS: CLASS OF 2018 SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

JAIR TORRES

KEY WEST

by J.W. COOKE
Key West Citizen



HEIGHT: 5'10"
WEIGHT: 160
GPA: 2.9

PARENTS: Angelica Cabrera and Anibal Torres
SIBLINGS: Sergio and Jonathan Torres
SPORTS: Football, Soccer

Q: How long have you been playing your sports?

A: Soccer I've been playing for around 13 years and football I joined about a year ago.

Q: Did you ever play any other sports?

A: I used to play basketball and taekwondo for about 10 years when I was little, but I stopped to focus on soccer.

Q: For football, did they ask you to come out and kick?

A: I thought about it my sophomore year, but I wasn't sure if it would be my thing and coach asked me to come out and that's how it started.

Q: How much training do you do per day or week?

A: I try to practice soccer every day and football when season is going on every

day. Over the summer I try to do every day.

Q: Do you have an offseason?

A: I do.

Q: Regarding the sports you play and academics, what's more important in your life?

A: Academics, but it is close.

Q: What skills do sports teach you that you apply to life?

A: Respect, discipline and not giving up.

Q: What goals do you have next year, academically and/or athletically?

A: For academics, to try to get the best grades I can so athletically I can go to college to play.

Q: What are your personal dreams?

A: I want to become a professional player, but in order to do that I have to work really hard.

Q: Any coaches, teachers and family members helped you get to this point?

A: Definitely, my family have always been my biggest fans and whatever I do they're always there to support me. Also, coach (Judd) Wise, he was the one who introduced me to

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St. Louis	-128	at PITT	+118			
at MILWAUKEE	-160	Philadelphia	+150			
San Francisco	-116	at S. DIEGO	+106			
American League						
at DETROIT	-105	Toronto	-105			
at HOUSTON	-180	Minnesota	+165			
Seattle	-127	at CHICAGO	+117			
Texas	-117	at KAN CITY	+107			
at LOS ANGELES	OFF	Tampa Bay	OFF			
Cleveland	-110	at OAKLAND	+100			
at BOSTON	-145	New York	+135			
at BOSTON	-138	New York	+128			
Interleague						
Chicago Cubs	-140	at BALTIMORE	+130			

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	11	8	.579	—
Washington	11	8	.579	—
Atlanta	8	9	.471	2
New York	8	9	.471	2
Indiana	7	11	.389	3½
Chicago	6	12	.333	4½

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	14	2	.875	—
Los Angeles	13	5	.722	2
Phoenix	11	7	.611	4
Dallas	9	11	.450	7
Seattle	8	10	.444	7
San Antonio	2	16	.111	13

Friday's Games	
Washington 72, Indiana 58	
Chicago 78, New York 68	
Minnesota 88, Phoenix 71	

Saturday's Games	
Atlanta at Seattle, late	

Today's Games	
San Antonio at Connecticut, 3 p.m.	
Washington at New York, 3 p.m.	
Chicago at Dallas, 4:30 p.m.	
Phoenix at Minnesota, 7 p.m.	

Monday's Games	
Indiana at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.	

SOCCER

NATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	GA
North Carolina	9	5	0	27	20	13	
Chicago	7	3	3	24	16	11	
Sky Blue FC	7	6	1	22	22	21	
Portland	6	4	4	22	17	12	
Seattle	5	3	5	20	24	17	
Orlando	4	5	4	16	19	20	
Houston	4	7	2	14	13	22	
Kansas City	3	6	4	13	13	18	
Boston	3	6	4	13	9	14	
Washington	3	6	3	12	15	20	

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's Games	
Portland 1, North Carolina 0	
Chicago at Sky Blue FC, late	
Kansas City at Orlando, late	
Washington at Houston, late	
Boston at Seattle, late	

Saturday, July 22	
Orlando at Chicago, 3:30 p.m.	
North Carolina at Kansas City, 8 p.m.	
Boston at Houston, 8:30 p.m.	
Sky Blue FC at Seattle, 10 p.m.	
Washington at Portland, 10 p.m.	

CONCACAF GOLD CUP

GROUP A	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-Costa Rica	3	2	1	0	5	1	7
x-Canada	3	1	2	0	5	3	5
Honduras	3	1	1	1	3	1	4
French Guiana	3	0	0	3	2	10	0

Friday, July 7 at Harrison, N.J.	
Canada 4, French Guiana 2	
Costa Rica 1, Honduras 0	

Tuesday, July 11 at Houston	
Costa Rica 1, Canada 1, tie	
Honduras 3, French Guiana 0, forfeit	

Friday, July 14 at Frisco, Texas	
Costa Rica 3, French Guiana 0	
Canada 0, Honduras 0, tie	

GROUP B	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-Panama	3	2	1	0	6	2	7
x-United States	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Martinique	3	1	0	2	4	6	3
Nicaragua	2	0	0	2	1	4	0

Saturday, July 8 at Nashville, Tenn.	
United States 1, Panama 1	
Martinique 2, Nicaragua 0	

Wednesday, July 12 at Tampa, Fla.	
Panama 2, Nicaragua 1	
United States 3, Martinique 2	

Saturday, July 15 at Cleveland	
Panama 3, Martinique 0	
Nicaragua vs. United States, late	

GROUP C	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Jamaica	2	1	1	0	2	0	4
Mexico	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
El Salvador	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Curacao	2	0	0	2	0	4	0

Sunday, July 9 at San Diego	
Jamaica 2, Curacao 0	
Mexico 3, El Salvador 1	

Thursday, July 13 at Denver	
El Salvador 2, Curacao 0	

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Boston	51	39	.567	—	—	6-4	W-1	26-14	25-25
Tampa Bay	48	43	.527	3½	—	7-3	W-3	27-19	21-24
New York	45	42	.517	4½	—	3-7	L-2	26-17	19-25
Toronto	42	47	.472	8½	4	5-5	W-1	22-24	20-23
Baltimore	42	47	.472	8½	4	3-7	L-1	25-17	17-30

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Cleveland	47	41	.534	—	—	5-5	L-2	21-24	26-17
Minnesota	45	44	.506	2½	1	5-5	L-3	20-28	25-16
Kansas City	44	44	.500	3	1½	5-5	L-4	24-20	20-24
Detroit	39	49	.443	8	6½	4-6	L-1	23-21	16-28
Chicago	38	50	.432	9	7½	4-6	L-2	19-19	19-31

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Houston	61	29	.678	—	—	7-3	W-2	28-18	33-11
Texas	44	45	.494	16½	2	5-5	W-1	25-20	19-25
Los Angeles	45	48	.484	17½	3	3-7	L-1	23-20	22-28
Seattle	44	47	.484	17½	3	4-6	W-2	27-22	17-25
Oakland	40	50	.444	21	6½	5-5	W-1	25-21	15-29

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Washington	53	36	.596	—	—	6-4	W-2	26-19	27-17
Atlanta	43	45	.489	9½	7	6-4	W-1	21-22	22-23
Miami	41	47	.466	11½	9	6-4	L-1	21-22	20-25
New York	40	47	.460	12	9½	5-5	W-1	20-24	20-23
Philadelphia	29	59	.330	23½	21	3-7	L-1	16-25	13-34

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Milwaukee	51	41	.554	—	—	8-2	W-2	27-23	24-18
Chicago	44	45	.494	5½	6½	4-6	W-1	24-20	20-25
St. Louis	43	46	.483	6½	7½	5-5	L-1	26-24	17-22
Pittsburgh	43	47	.478	7	8	6-4	W-3	22-22	21-25
Cincinnati	39	50	.438	10½	11½	5-5	L-1	23-21	16-29

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Los Angeles	62	29	.681	—	—	9-1	W-7	39-11	23-18
Arizona	53	37	.589	8½	—	3-7	L-3	33-15	20-22
Colorado	52	40	.565	10½	—	4-6	L-1	26-18	26-22
San Diego	38	51	.427	23	12½	5-5	L-2	22-23	16-28
San Francisco	35	56	.385	27	16½	5-5	W-1	17-24	18-32

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Friday's Games

Chicago Cubs 9, Baltimore 8	
Boston 5, N.Y. Yankees 4	
Toronto 7, Detroit 2	
Houston 10, Minnesota 5	
Seattle 4, Chicago White Sox 2	
Texas 5, Kansas City 3	
Oakland 5, Cleveland 0	
Tampa Bay 2, L.A. Angels 1, 10 innings	

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Yankees at Boston, late	
Toronto at Detroit, late	
Chicago Cubs at Baltimore, late	
Minnesota at Houston, late	
Seattle at Chicago White Sox, late	
Texas at Kansas City, late	
Cleveland at Oakland, late	
Tampa Bay at L.A. Angels, late	

Today's Games	
N.Y. Yankees (Mitchell 1-1) at Boston (Porcello 4-11), 1:05 p.m.	
Toronto (Estrada 4-6) at Detroit (Sanchez 1-0), 1:10 p.m.	
Chicago Cubs (Quintana 4-8) at Baltimore (Jimenez 4-4), 1:35 p.m.	
Minnesota (Gibson 5-7) at Houston (Fiers 5-4), 2:10 p.m.	
Seattle (Moore 1-1) at Chicago White Sox (TBD), 2:10 p.m.	
Texas (Darvish 6-8) at Kansas City (Kennedy 3-6), 2:15 p.m.	
Tampa Bay (Archer 7-5) at L.A. Angels (TBD), 3:37 p.m.	
Cleveland (Bauer 7-7) at Oakland (Manaea 7-5), 4:05 p.m.	
N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 7-8) at Boston (Price 4-2), 8:05 p.m.	

Monday's Games	
Texas at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.	
Toronto at Boston, 7:10 p.m.	
N.Y. Yankees at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.	
Seattle at Houston, 8:10 p.m.	
Detroit at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.	
Tampa Bay at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.	
Cleveland at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.	

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Altuve Hou	87	338	63	118	.349
Jo Ramirez Cle	87	332	62	110	.331
Judge NY	85	304	75	99	.326
Correa Hou	82	321	63	104	.324
Gamel Sea	67	258	42	83	.322
Hosmer KC	88	337	49	107	.318
Reddick Hou	76	266	55	84	.316
Scastro NY	73	294	52	92	.313
AGarcia CHW	79	304	42	95	.312
Mancini Bal	75	264	32	82	.311

Home Runs

Judge, New York, 30; Springer, Houston, 27; Moustakas, Kansas City, 25; KDavis, Oakland, 24; Morrison, Tampa Bay, 24; Smoak, Toronto, 23; Gallo, Texas, 21; Alonso, Oakland, 21; Sano, Minnesota, 21.	
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Runs Batted In

Cruz, Seattle, 70; Correa, Houston, 66; Judge, New York, 66; Cano, Seattle, 63; Springer, Houston, 62; Sano, Minnesota, 62; KDavis, Oakland, 60; Abreu, Chicago, 58.	
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Pitching

JVargas, Kansas City, 12-3; Sale, Boston, 11-4; Carrasco, Cleveland, 10-4; ESantana, Minnesota, 10-6; Keuchel, Houston, 9-0;	
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Mexico 0, Jamaica 0

Sunday, July 16 at San Antonio	
Jamaica vs. El Salvador, 6 p.m.	
Curacao vs. Mexico, 8:30 p.m.	

QUARTERFINALS

Wednesday, July 19, at Philadelphia

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Friday's Games

Chicago Cubs 9, Baltimore 8	
Pittsburgh 5, St. Louis 2	
N.Y. Mets 14, Colorado 2	
L.A. Dodgers 6, Miami 4	
Washington 5, Cincinnati 0	
Atlanta 4, Arizona 3	
Milwaukee 9, Philadelphia 6	
San Francisco 5, San Diego 4	

Saturday's Games

Chicago Cubs at Baltimore, late	
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, late	
Arizona at Atlanta, late	
Colorado at N.Y. Mets, late	
L.A. Dodgers at Miami, late	
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, late	
Washington at Cincinnati, late	
San Francisco at San Diego, late	

Today's Games

Colorado (Hoffman 5-1) at N.Y. Mets (Matz 2-2), 1:10 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers (Hill 5-4) at Miami (TBD), 1:10 p.m.

SPORTS

NBA

AP source: Pelicans agree to terms with Rajon Rondo

A person with knowledge of the situation of tells The Associated Press that the New Orleans have agreed in principle on a one-year deal with Rajon Rondo.

The person says Rondo is expected to sign his contract next week and the terms are still being finalized. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because an official announcement has not been made.

The deal joins Rondo with fellow Kentucky Wildcats Anthony Davis and DeMarcus Cousins. The addition gives coach Alvin Gentry the flexibility to play Jrue Holiday more at shooting guard. — AP

WOMEN'S GOLF

With Trump looking on, Feng leads US Women's Open

BEDMINSTER, N.J. — Front-running Shanshan Feng rolled in a shot birdie putt on the final hole Saturday to take the third-round lead in the U.S. Women's Open.

Teenager Hye-Jin Choi and penennial Open bridesmaid Amy Yang were a stroke back heading in the final round of the biggest event in women's golf — and one that had an even bigger stage with President Donald Trump in attendance for the second straight day.

Feng, from China, shot a 1-under 71 to reach 9-under 207 at the president's Trump National Golf Club.

Choi and Yang each shot 70. — AP

CYCLING: TOUR DE FRANCE



The Associated Press
Australia's Michael Matthews celebrates as he crosses the finish line to win the 14th stage of the Tour de France on Saturday over 112.8 miles with a start in Blagnac and the finish in Rodez, France.

HORSE RACING

Songbird cruises to win in Delaware Handicap

STANTON, Del. — Songbird turned back a determined challenge from Martini Glass through the stretch to win the Grade 1 Delaware Handicap by a length Saturday.

The 1-9 favorite covered 10 furlongs in 2:03.96 to earn her 13th win in 14 career races and raise her career earnings past \$4.5 million.

With regular rider Mike Smith aboard, Songbird went right to the front at start of 1¼-mile fixture and set moderate fractions but never was able to shake Martini Glass and jockey Jose Ferrer. — AP

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Pitching at premium before deadline; Who might move?

BY ROB MAADDI

The Associated Press

Teams always seek more pitching before the trade deadline.

Whether its aces, closers, back-of-the rotation starters or middle relievers, new arms are welcome in every clubhouse.

Of the 10 teams sitting in postseason spots at the All-Star break, eight clubs are in the top 10 in ERA.

Yes, pitching is that important.

The defending World Series champion Chicago Cubs already bolstered their rotation by acquiring 2016 All-Star Jose Quintana from the White Sox on Thursday.

Here are 10 more pitchers who could be changing teams before the July 31 non-waiver deadline:

Gerrit Cole, Pittsburgh Pirates, RHP: Cole has struggled since going 19-8 with a 2.60 ERA in 2015. He's 7-7 with a 4.43 ERA, but he's only 26 and won't be a free agent until 2020. His upside, age and contract could bring the Pirates a hefty return.

Jeremy Hellickson, Philadelphia Phillies, RHP: Hellickson is 5-5 with a 4.49 ERA after starting the year 4-0. He's making \$17.2 million and will be a free agent after the season so it won't take too much to get him



The Associated Press
The San Diego Padres' Brad Hand delivers a pitch during the All-Star Game on Tuesday in Miami.

from the rebuilding Phillies.

Scott Feldman, Cincinnati Reds, RHP: Feldman is 7-6 with a 3.94 ERA. He's 34 and will be a free agent after the season. Feldman pitched well out of the bullpen for Houston last season so he's a nice fit for a contender that needs a starter who could pitch in relief in a postseason series.

Sonny Gray, Oakland A's, RHP: Gray is 10-15 with an ERA approaching five the past two seasons after winning 14 games in 2013 and 2014. But he's been outstanding in his last four starts — 1.33 ERA, 21 strikeouts, 11 hits in 27 innings. The 27-year-old won't be a free agent until 2020, so he's another starter who can find a new home and be part of the rotation for a few years.

Edinson Volquez, Miami Marlins, RHP: Volquez is 4-8

with a 4.19 ERA after signing a two-year, \$22 million contract. The well-traveled veteran has postseason experience and won a World Series with the Royals two years ago.

Pat Neshek, Philadelphia Phillies, RHP: Neshek was one of the best relievers in the first half, posting a 1.27 ERA and earning his second trip to the All-Star Game. He has 36 strikeouts and only five walks in 35 1/3 innings. The 36-year-old will be a free agent after the season. He can pitch the seventh, eighth or ninth innings.

Brad Hand, San Diego Padres, LHP: Hand has a 2.30 ERA in 42 appearances but he's more than a lefty specialist. He pitched a scoreless inning in the All-Star Game and has been one of the most consistent relievers in base-

ball the last two seasons.

Addison Reed, New York Mets, RHP: The big righty has 15 saves, a 2.53 ERA and is versatile. Reed had 101 saves from 2012-14 and can close or pitch in the late innings. He'll be a free agent after the season.

Drew Storen, Cincinnati Reds, RHP: Storen has rebounded nicely after a tough season in the American League. He has a 2.72 ERA in 38 appearances and has been a successful closer in the past.

David Robertson, Chicago White Sox, RHP: Robertson is the best closer on the market. He has 13 saves this season and 123 saves since 2014. His contract, which has one year at \$13 million remaining, might be a deterrent for some teams.

Teams looking to boost lineup have options

BY ROB MAADDI

The Associated Press

Teams looking to boost their offense have plenty of options on the trade market.

Need a slugger? The NL East has a few.

Need a catcher? A two-time All-Star could be on the move again.

Veterans, role players, pinch-hitters are all available at the right price before the July 31 non-waiver trade deadline.

The American League should have more buyers because no team is worse than 7½ games behind in the wild-card standings.

Expect more National League teams to sell since only five clubs have a winning record.

Here are 11 hitters who could be switching teams before the end of the month:

Jay Bruce, New York Mets, RF: Bruce is hitting .265 with 23 homers and 59 RBIs and is in the final season of a seven-year, \$63 million contract. The Mets acquired Bruce last July and tried to move him in the offseason. The three-time All-Star is a high-priced rental, but he could carry an offense for long stretches when he's hot.

Curtis Granderson, New York Mets, OF: Granderson has



The Associated Press
The New York Mets' Jay Bruce (No. 19) and Yoenis Cespedes (No. 52) celebrate after scoring on an RBI double against the Colorado Rockies on Friday in New York.

rebounded following a poor start and has 13 homers and 37 RBIs along with a .232 average. He's also a free agent after the season. Granderson has plenty of postseason experience and is an excellent clubhouse presence.

Lucas Duda, New York Mets, 1B: Like Bruce and Granderson, Duda is a free agent after the season and the Mets aren't going anywhere. Duda has 14 homers and 30 RBIs. He's a career .246 hitter.

Andrew McCutchen, Pittsburgh Pirates, OF: McCutchen has bounced back nicely after a subpar year and is hitting .295 with 17 homers and 50 RBIs. He's in the final season of a six-year, \$51.5 million contract, though the Pirates hold a \$14.5 million option for next season. He's only 30 and could anchor the middle of a team's lineup.

Tommy Joseph, Philadelphia Phillies, 1B: Joseph has 15 homers and 43 RBIs in 298 at-bats, a year after hitting 21 homers in 315 at-bats. Joseph is only 25, so interested teams could look at him as a first baseman for the future. He's available because the rebuilding Phillies have big-time slugger Rhys Hoskins waiting for an opportunity at Triple-A.

Jonathan Lucroy, Texas Rangers, C: Milwaukee tried trading Lucroy twice last July, though he refused a trade to Cleveland before agreeing to move to Texas. His .256 batting average is the lowest since his rookie season in 2010 and he's a free agent after the season, but Texas is right in the mix in the wild-card race.

Zack Cozart, Cincinnati Reds, SS: Cozart is having a career year — .311, nine homers, 35 RBIs — and was an All-Star starter, but he'll be 32 next month and becomes a free

agent after the season. Most contending teams don't need a short-stop, but things can change quickly.

J.D. Martinez, Detroit Tigers, RF: Martinez is a costly rental because he'll be a free agent after the season, but the power hitter could improve any lineup down the stretch. He's batting .298 with 14 homers and 32 RBIs in 5 games.

Melky Cabrera, Chicago White Sox, LF: Cabrera is in the final season of a three-year, \$42 million contract. He's hitting .283 with 10 homers and 51 RBIs. The White Sox might have to pay some of Cabrera's salary to make a deal.

Daniel Nava, Philadelphia Phillies, OF: Nava has been a pleasant surprise for the Phillies after getting an invitation to spring training as a non-roster player. He's hitting .297 with a .389 OBP in a limited role. Nava won a World Series with Boston in 2013 and the switch-hitter is a valuable bench player.

Yonder Alonso, Oakland A's, 1B: Alonso is having a breakout season — .275, career-high 21 homers, 44 RBIs — and was an All-Star. He's also a free agent after the season.

NBA



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Minnesota Timberwolves new point guard Jimmy Butler, right, pats Timberwolves head coach Tom Thibodeau on the back during a press conference in June at Mall of America in Bloomington, Minn.

NBA stars cluster in Western Conference

BY JON KRAWCZYNSKI

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — As star after star headed West this summer either in free agency or via trade, Los Angeles Clippers coach Doc Rivers became more and more bewildered.

"I think Gordon Hayward's the smartest one. He got out of town," Rivers said, referring to the All-Star's move from Utah to Boston. "He went to the East. I really don't understand the logic of this. It is what it is. It's just going to be a harder conference, if that's possible."

Paul George, Jimmy Butler and Paul Millsap were all All-Stars in the Eastern Conference last season who will play in the West next season. Chris Paul chose to leave the Clippers, but stayed in the West to join James Harden in Houston and important role players like Jeff Teague, P.J. Tucker and Patrick Patterson all left teams in the East to come West for a run at the Golden State Warriors.

Rather than running from the Warriors, who burned down the league last season and seemed poised to dominate for the near future with four All-Stars all in their prime, most teams in the West are running right into the fire.

"The other way, that's a defeatist attitude," Nuggets coach Michael Malone said. "How long can you wait? I don't know if Kevin Durant, Steph Curry, Klay and those guys are going anywhere for a while. You just can't go into hibernation, wake up and say, 'OK, it's our time.' We compete."

One of the most common measurements of a single player's impact on a team's overall success is win shares — an analytic that estimates the number of wins a player produces for his team. Using

that as a guide, calculated by the research site basketball-reference.com, the Western Conference has added 174.5 win shares to its roster this summer. That number takes into account free agent signings, like Millsap leaving Atlanta for Denver, the major trades of George from Indiana to Oklahoma City and Butler to Minnesota, and the re-signings of players including Stephen Curry and Kevin Durant with Golden State.

The Eastern Conference, by contrast, added 127.6 win shares by Friday afternoon. Hayward was the lone bankable star to move from the West to the East, while Kyle Lowry re-signed with Toronto and Otto Porter stayed with Washington on a new four-year, \$110 million deal.

For more than two decades the Western Conference has lorded over the East in terms of talent disparity. Next year figures to be a bigger gap than ever before.

"You would think with all the picks that the East has had over the last 15 years, but they draft a great guy and he comes West," Rivers said. "So I don't know what's going on. Growing up it was the exact opposite. It was the East and the Lakers when I was a kid. Now it's the West and a couple of teams. It's just a period we're going through I guess. I hope it stops."

Two years ago, the league explored the idea of changing the playoff format to seed teams 1-16 regardless of conference. But concerns about excessive travel and the fact that the team records were often skewed by the level of competition they most often faced in the regular season led the NBA to stick with the status quo. On Wednesday, NBA commissioner Adam Silver did not rule out revisiting the issue again down the road.

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SPORTS: OUTDOOR LIVING

Knowing where to look to get some tail-tail-tail

BY CAPT. PETE PETERSON
Citizen Fishing Columnist

One of the more unique fish found swimming about in our waters is the strange looking tripletail.

Although they provide an outstanding dining experience, I don't know of a fisherman in the Florida Keys who leaves the dock intent on pursuing this odd species. Tripletail, more often than not, are simply a target of opportunity — usually spotted hiding under offshore flotsam or lurking in the shadow of a bayside lobster pot buoy. Some anglers even call these pescados 'buoy fish'.

The first thing you'll notice about the anomalous tripletail is their large extended anal fin and rounded second dorsal/adipose fin — hence the name tripletail. This adaptation allows these strange looking fish to adeptly swim on their side, enabling them to hide beneath boards, trap floats or sargasso weed patches undulating on the surface of the ocean.

Their dark camouflage coloration and ability to swim sideways so close to a floating object helps them to blend into structure and hide from pelagic predators. This adaptation also allows them to easily ambush small fish and crustaceans that also are attracted to the 'security' of floating debris.

Experienced offshore fishermen always scan the water hoping to locate mahi mahi or tripletail dining on the small bait-fish under floating

debris or weed patches. Fishermen in the Gulf will always glance at trap buoys as they run past, hoping to spot a tripletail hanging in the shade of a trap float or navigation piling.

Tripletail are found throughout the world's tropical and subtropical oceans. Many of the larger specimens will travel in the pelagic zone during their summertime migration period. In Florida waters, most tripletail generally range anywhere from 2 to 5 pounds; however a world record monster tipped the scales at more than 40 pounds.



Photo provided

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While tripletail have a delectable filet, these strange looking fish can be difficult to filet. Their scales and skin form a protective armor that will definitely challenge your fish cleaning skills, especially if your filet knife is not finely honed. The trick is to slide your blade between the scales so you can make the initial cut. The filet is white and firm and no matter how you prepare them, they are outstanding table fare — well worth the

challenge presented at the cleaning table.

On a recent offshore trip we spotted a pallet floating in 400 feet of water. The clear water revealed mahi hanging below the pallet, interested in dining on a large school of jacks nervously staying close to the floating structure.

As we trolled by I also spotted two nice size tripletail doing their best to remain hidden in the shadow of the pallet. Luckily, the mahi couldn't resist our ballyhoo

and once we had enough mahi in the fish box, I carefully maneuvered the boat back alongside the bobbing pallet.

It didn't take long to realize the trick was going to be getting the cautious tripletail to take a shrimp presented on the 2-0 circle hook before the gang of voracious small jacks attacked it. Needless to say it took a while to get the bait in the exact location necessary to elicit a bite from a circumspect tripletail.

Once hooked these usually slow moving fish immediately take full advantage of their three tails and demonstrate their true pulling power. These feisty swimmers also take advantage of their broad flat sides in an attempt to return to the safety provided by the nearby floating pallet.

I have actually heard stories of frustrated fishermen attempting to spear tripletail from the boat or even trying to scoop them up with just a net. Unfortunately, Florida fishing regulations state they can only be harvested with hook and line (and no snatch hooks are allowed). Although they can be a challenge to coax into taking a bait, they are really a lot of fun on light tackle, providing both a unique fishing opportunity and superb dining experience.

In Florida, the limit for tripletail is two fish per person each day with a minimum size of 15 inches. Always keep an eye out for these strange and tasty fish and maybe you too will be rewarded with a tasty Keys dining tradition.

Capt. Pete Peterson welcomes comments and suggestions sent to petersonventures@aol.com.

ON THE WATER

REEF processes 150,000th fish survey in Tropical Western Atlantic region

SPECIAL TO THE CITIZEN

Last week, the Reef Environmental Education Foundation celebrated the 150,000th fish survey processed in the Tropical Western Atlantic survey region as part of the REEF Volunteer Fish Survey Project. Volunteer divers and snorkelers made this significant milestone possible.

More than 11,000 REEF volunteers have submitted surveys at more than 8,000 sites throughout Florida, the Caribbean, and Bahamas since the program's beginnings in 1993. You can get involved with the Volunteer Fish Survey Project by attending a Great Annual Fish Count event, taking place throughout the entire month of July. Even if you have never done a survey, or if you have done hundreds, please join REEF for fun social events, fish ID classes and fish survey dives.

The Volunteer Fish Survey Project is a conservation initiative that enlists divers and snorkelers to collect data on fish and invertebrate populations in different regions across the globe. The first surveys were conducted in the Florida Keys, and the program has since grown worldwide to include ocean waters of North and Central America, Caribbean, Hawaii, the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean, and South and Indo-Pacific regions.

This project, which is uniquely driven by citizen scientists, is ongoing and has generated one of the largest marine life databases in the world, with more than 217,000 surveys conducted to date. Data collection on this scale could not have been possible without such outstanding volunteer efforts, which have resulted in an invaluable insight into the health and biodiversity of many different ocean eco-

systems. Scientists, government agencies and conservation organizations have used the data in research, resource management and education. More than 50 peer-reviewed science publications have included REEF data.

Carlos Estapé completed the 150,000th survey on a recent dive trip in Bonaire with his wife, Allison Estapé. The Estapés are longtime REEF members, volunteers and underwater photographers who have collectively submitted more than 400 surveys to REEF's database. They actively teach fish identification classes at REEF headquarters to help others become confident in identifying local species, and they were honored with REEF's prestigious Volunteer of the Year award in 2013.

Anyone can complete a survey and be a part of this key citizen science program. For more details, visit www.reef.org/gafc_events/2017

Great Annual Fish Count Events

All events are Free to attend
Fish ID Class: 7 p.m., July 27, at REEF Headquarters
REEF's Florida Keys Trivia Takeover: 7 p.m., July 25, Florida Keys Brewing Company
Great Annual Fish Count Fish Survey Dives: REEF will provide the survey materials, and instruction on how to complete a survey if this is your first time. Discounted rates available at some locations.
Horizon Divers: TBD
Conch Republic: July 18, 1 p.m.
Ocean Divers: July 20, 7:30 a.m.
Key Dives: July 23, 8 a.m.
Captain States: July 29, 1 p.m.
For more information, and to register for the dives, visit http://www.reef.org/gafc_events/2017

Upcoming Keys fishing tournaments

No matter what the season, there's always something to fish for in the waters surrounding the Florida Keys and Key West.

The calendar lists select tournament highlights. A comprehensive schedule of Keys angling challenges can be found at www.flakeys.com/fishing.

Through Nov. 30: Key West Fishing Tournament. More than 40 species of fish are targeted during these months, with divisions for men, women, junior anglers (ages 10 to 14) and Pee Wees (under 10 years old). The Key West Fishing Tournament strongly encourages the release of game fish. All participating anglers receive certificates noting their catches and qualify for a variety of prizes.

July 14-16: Marathon Marlin Tournament. Teams will compete for marlin division trophies as well as fun fish awards for the three heaviest dolphin, wahoo and tuna (yellowfin, blackfin and skipjack). The top-scoring team in the tournament is to be entitled to free entry into the following week's Key West Marlin Tournament. The tournament is based at the Faro Blanco Marine Resort. For more information, call 305-304-0317.

July 19-22: Havana Club Key West Marlin Tournament. Anglers ply the waters once fished by Ernest Hemingway, vying for \$50,000 in guaranteed cash prizes. Held in conjunction with Key West's annual Hemingway Days festival, the event awards \$25,000 to the first-place team. Teams can enter one fun fish (dolphin, tuna, wahoo or released sailfish) per day to add to their point total. For more information, contact Tim Greene at 305-304-0317.

Aug. 31: Key Largo. The Great Annual Fish Count. Join Allison and Carlos Estapé at REEF Headquarters (MM 98.3) at 7 p.m. to learn how to ID fish seen on Florida Keys Reefs. On your next dive/snorkel trip, fill in a REEF Volunteer Fish Survey and become a citizen scientist by submitting your sightings to REEF's Global Fish Survey Database. For more information, contact Allison Estapé at 305-794-5081.



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The Bill Edginger party had a fine catch with Capt. Brian Griffin of Eddie Griffiths Charters out of the Stock Island Marina Village at the Perry Hotel on Stock Island.

Sept. 8-10: Key West. Robert James Sales S.L.A.M. Celebrity Tournament. In the first of three tournaments in the annual Redbone Celebrity Tournament Series, also called The Trilogy, anglers target tarpon, permit and bonefish to achieve the coveted "flats grand slam." The event raises funds for the fight against cystic fibrosis. For more information, call 305-664-2002.

Sept. 15-17: Islamorada. 18th Annual Herman Lucerne Memorial Backcountry Fishing Championship. Named after the man known affectionately as "Mr. Everglades," the event is headquartered at the Islander Resort, A Guy Harvey Outpost. Anglers are challenged to target fish in multiple species only in the boundaries of Everglades National Park, fishing areas that Lucerne favored. For more information, call 305-664-2002.

Oct. 6-7: Islamorada. 10th Annual Mad Dog Mandich Inshore & Offshore Fishing

Classic. Anglers compete in an offshore division targeting dolphin, kingfish, tuna, wahoo, snapper, grouper and, new this year, an inshore division in which anglers compete for mangrove snapper, spotted sea trout, redfish, snook and tarpon. A portion of the proceeds of this boat/team tournament are to benefit Mariners Hospital Oncology Services. Headquartered at Postcard Inn Beach Resort & Marina. Top Offshore and Inshore division cash prizes. For more information, contact Leah at 305-667-0399.

Oct. 6-8: Islamorada. Robert James Sales Baybone Celebrity Tournament. The second tournament in the Redbone Trilogy targets permit and bonefish to raise money for cystic fibrosis research. Past participants include legendary angler Stu Apte, former Denver Bronco and Tampa Bay Buccaneer Mark Cooper and Major League Baseball Hall of Famer Wade Boggs. For more information, call 305-664-2002.



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Perfect weather conditions made for an exciting morning of fishing. Berta Cespedes along with son Lorenzo Rey, dad Ricardo and mom Eloisa Rey, of Miami, limited out on yellowtail snapper. Berta also landed a 10-pound mutton on the grouper rod.

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SPORTS

AUTO RACING

Larson's pole tossed out with inspection failure

LOUDON, N.H. — Kyle Larson's No. 42 Chevrolet flunked inspection after qualifying on Friday and he was stripped of his pole at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

Larson had turned a lap of 133.324 mph to win the pole for the NASCAR Cup race at New Hampshire. But NASCAR soon announced the latest penalty levied this week against Larson's team. Larson's time was disallowed because of an unapproved rear deck fin lid.

Martin Truex Jr. will start first on Sunday. Larson had raced to the top of the field without his suspended crew chief. — AP

Hamilton takes pole for F1 British GP for fifth time

SILVERSTONE, England — Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton took pole position for the fifth time at the British Grand Prix on Saturday, ahead of Ferrari rivals Kimi Raikkonen and Sebastian Vettel in rainy conditions.

But whether Hamilton starts from the front of the grid could depend on how stewards assess his alleged blocking of Romain Grosjean's Haas car during qualifying.

Hamilton sped around Silverstone in 1 minute, 26.6 seconds in front of his home fans. They cheered the three-time Formula One world champion at the end of a week when he faced criticism for being the only driver to snub a promotional event in London. — AP



The Associated Press

Simon Pagenaud took the pole Saturday for the IndyCar race Sunday at Exhibition Place in Toronto. Pagenaud had a track-record lap of 58.9124 seconds at an average speed of 109.138 mph on the 1.786-mile street course for his first pole of the season and 10th overall. The Frenchman, the defending series champion who won this this year on the oval in Phoenix, gave Team Penske its eighth pole in 11 races this season.

Kenseth has no regrets over end with Joe Gibbs

LOUDON, N.H. — Matt Kenseth says he has no hard feelings toward Joe Gibbs Racing after he was dumped by the team this week and has no concerns about his future, even though he has yet to land a job for 2018.

The 45-year-old Kenseth has won 16 races over five seasons with JGR and NASCAR's oldest full-time driver was let go in his contract year. Erik Jones will take Kenseth's spot in the No. 20 Toyota. The 21-year-old Jones is on a one-year loaner contract to Gibbs' sister team Furniture Row Racing. — AP

TENNIS: WIMBLEDON

14 years after 1st Wimbledon win, Federer eyes 8th vs. Cilic

BY HOWARD FENDRICH

The Associated Press

LONDON — Much has changed for Roger Federer since he played in, and won, his first Grand Slam final at Wimbledon in 2003.

First of all, as he reminded everyone after moving into his 11th title match at the All England Club — with a shot at his eighth championship, more than any man in history — he favored a ponytail and some scruff on his cheeks way back then. Nowadays, his hair is short, his face clean shaven.

Another significant difference for Federer, whose 36th birthday is Aug. 8, making him the oldest men's finalist at Wimbledon since 1974?

"I didn't have kids running around, potentially waking me up at night," he said. "Today we've got to, like, close down the doors. Say, 'Daddy is sleeping.'"

He's a father of four: twin boys, 3; twin girls, 8 soon.

On the court, there are ways in which the Federer who faces Marin Cilic on Sunday is not the same as the Federer who beat Mark Philippoussis 14 years ago. The larger racket, for example, or the increased willingness to hit over the top on his backhand.

In truth, though, what's most important is this: Federer is still as capable as ever of beating everyone who stands in his way.

"This guy doesn't really seem (to be) getting any older or anything like that," said Tomas Berdych, who lost to Federer in the semifinals, "or slowing down at all."

That's certainly the case.



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Roger Federer returns to Tomas Berdych during their semifinal match Friday at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London.

Federer is 30-2 and tied for the tour lead with four titles in 2017, including at the Australian Open in January.

During Wimbledon, he has not lost a set through six matches; the last man to earn the title without ceding a set was Bjorn Borg, 31 years ago. He's only been broken four times, saving 16 of 20 break points along the way.

"Roger is playing maybe (some) of his best tennis of his career at the moment," said Cilic, the No. 7-seeded Croatian who hit 25 aces and returned quite well during his semifinal victory over Sam Querrey. "It's going to be a huge challenge."

They have played each other seven times previously, with Federer winning six, including in last year's Wimbledon quarterfinals. Cilic took the first two sets and even was one point from victory, before Federer came back.



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Marin Cilic celebrates after beating Sam Querrey at the end of their semifinal match Friday.

The lone head-to-head win for Cilic came in one of the most significant matches of his career: 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 in the semifinals of the 2014 U.S. Open, where he went on to earn his only Grand Slam title.

"He knows he absolutely

destroyed Roger," said Jonas Bjorkman, one of Cilic's two coaches.

That knowledge is key for this match, according to Bjorkman. So, too, is the past experience of participating in, and winning, a major final.



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Venus Williams, left, leaves with her runner-up trophy from Centre Court after her defeat by Garbine Muguruza, right, in the women's singles final Saturday at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London.

Tennis

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putting together a 7-5, 6-0 victory over a fading Venus Williams by claiming the final's last nine games.

"It's great to go out there and play somebody that you admire," Muguruza said. "I knew she was going to make me suffer and fight for it."

This was Williams' 16th Grand Slam final and ninth at the All England Club. At 37, she was bidding for her sixth title at the grass-court major, 17 years after her first. And she was so close to gaining the upper hand against Muguruza, holding two set points at 5-4 in the opener. But Muguruza fought those off and never looked back.

"She competed really well. So credit to her," Williams said. "She just dug in there."

For Muguruza, this final was her third at a major.

In her first, at Wimbledon in 2015, she lost to Williams' younger sister, Serena. But in her second, at the French Open last year, Muguruza again faced Serena — and won. That was the most recent final Muguruza had played in at any tournament until Saturday, an indication of the sort of up-and-down 12 months she's had.

But with stand-in coach Conchita Martinez pushing her to play each point on its own merits — don't look back, don't think ahead — Muguruza was able to regain her best form these two weeks. Taking the ball early, being aggressive from the start of each point and not relenting, Muguruza did to Williams what the American and her sibling often do to their opponents.

Here was how Muguruza's on-court approach was described by Spanish Fed Cup and Davis Cup captain Martinez, whose 1994 Wimbledon title was the country's most recent for a woman until Saturday: "She's very brave."

Especially against Williams.

Especially in crunch time.

"I was just very composed," the 23-year-old Muguruza said. "Once I go to the big court, I feel good. I feel like that's where I want to be, that's what

I practice for. That's where I play good. ... I'm happy to go to the Centre Court and to play the best player.

That's what motivates me." With the roof shut because of rain earlier in the day, each thwack of racket strings against ball by the two big hitters created echoes around the old arena.

Williams began the proceedings with an ace. But Muguruza showed she would not be overwhelmed, returning a serve at 113 mph (182 kph) on the match's second point, and another at 114 mph (184 kph) in the third game — then winning both ensuing exchanges.

Still, Williams was so close to taking the first set, ahead 5-4 while Muguruza served at 15-40. On the first chance, a 20-stroke point ended when Williams blinked first, putting a forehand into the net. On the second set point, Williams sent a return long.

It was as if getting out of that jam freed up Muguruza — and failing to capitalize deflated Williams, who didn't win a game the rest of the way.

"She was getting every one of Venus's shots back. Not only getting it back, but it was deep in the court," said David Witt, Williams' coach, who thought nerves affected his player. "Venus kept having to play that one extra ball."

Williams began spraying shots to unintended spots, while Muguruza stayed steady. Williams finished with 25 unforced errors, 14 more than the champion.

It ended when Williams hit a shot that landed long, but was ruled in. Muguruza challenged the call, and after a bit of a delay, the review showed the ball was, indeed, out. Made to wait to celebrate, Muguruza eventually dropped her knees and covered her crying eyes.

Soon enough, Muguruza was shown her name on the list of winners in the stadium's lobby — "Finally!" she said — and being greeted by former King Juan Carlos of Spain.

It was an anticlimactic conclusion to the fortnight for Williams, Wimbledon's oldest female finalist since Martina Navratilova, 37, was the runner-up to Martinez in 1994.

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Kubot-Melo, Makarova-Vesnina win doubles titles

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LONDON — First there was one of the longest doubles finals in Wimbledon history. And then there was one of the shortest.

The men's final was the first match on Centre Court following the women's singles championship Saturday. Lukasz Kubot and Marcelo Melo beat Oliver Marach and Mate Pavic 5-7, 7-5, 7-6 (2), 3-6, 13-11 in a match that lasted 4 hours, 40 minutes — only 21 minutes shorter than the longest men's doubles final in history.

That was followed by the women's doubles final, which Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina won 6-0, 6-0 over Chan Hao-ching and Monica Niculescu.

The last 20 minutes of the men's final was played under a closed roof because of darkness. The entire women's



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Lukasz Kubot, right, and Marcelo Melo, who lies on the ground, celebrate Saturday after defeating Oliver Marach and Mate Pavic in the men's doubles final at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London.

match was played indoors on the Centre Court grass.

The roof was closed for the women's final earlier in the day because of rain, but it was open at the start of the men's doubles match. But at 8:40 p.m., the roof was closed again because of darkness.

"When we stopped, we

know we have to be strong at this moment," Melo said. "I played the final here before. I know I have to manage this if you want to succeed and be a Grand Slam champion."

With the win, Melo will return to the No. 1 ranking in men's doubles.

For both Melo and Kubot,

SPORTS



Nothing Major Ballers' Livingston Stocker, center, sets a pick on B-Balls Deep defender Keith Valdez to help out teammate Kelvin Taylor, right, with ball.

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Basketball

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take the floor on Tuesday against B-Balls Deep. They acquired the league-leading scorer Antonio Guieb from first place B-Balls Deep, making them not as deep. And, they picked up Lamont Woods and Ziyah Jefferson who will not sit in the stands anymore. They also picked up Keith Durden, who can run the courts all day.

Against Storm Surge, Victor Cane led the Cartel with 19 points and had six steals, Mitchell Cameron netted 13 and pulled down nine boards, Dexter Butler had seven points, Rocky Ramirez four and with two was Joe Stickney.

According to league coordinator Demetrius Roach, the trade deadline is Thursday, July 20, at 11:59 p.m.

TEAM QUESO 34, NOTHING MAJOR BALLERS 29

Dylan Estevez racked up nine points, Josiah Wynn netted seven and had three rebounds and Doug Meeker scored six, had two block shots, 11 rebounds and handed out three assists. Manny Estevez scored five points and nabbed four boards and Wherden Charles had a trey as part of his five points.

For NMB, Curtis Houston led the way with 12 points and five rebounds, Humberto Palacio netted six with three steals and three boards, Nathaniel Hayes also had six, De'Quan Garner had four points, four rebounds as Dontrell Holloway added a point.

B-BALLS DEEP 59, UNCLE DREWS ALL STARS 47

Antonio Guieb nailed the nets for 15 points, pulled down 11 rebounds and had six steals to lead B-Balls Deep. James Osborne scored 10 points and had a pair of steals and Korey Damel netted nine and had seven points. Anthony Rice canned eight points and grabbed seven boards, and with six each were Ryan Wagner and Tommy Butler, who added seven rebounds. Roger Hernandez hit three and Angelo Guieb had two points.

Uncle Drew's Nick Brown powered in 15 and had three rebounds, two steals and two blocked shots, Kris Mainville netted six, and with five each were Jovonte Brown (4 rebounds), Greg Johnson and Byron McMath (3 rebounds). Jabbar Jacobs and James Rivers each scored four, Oriel Greaux had two and with one was Tyrell Hembree.

STORM SURGE 68, TEAM QUESO 43

Eric "Curry Bryant" Armstrong led all scorers with 13 points and had four assists and grabbed four rebounds for



Curtis Houston, left, goes to the rim for Nothing Major Ballers against B-Balls Deep's Angelo Guieb (No. 4) for a pair of points.

Storm Surge. Alex Fantroy netted 13 and picked two steals, Irekaz Womack had a double/double with 12 points and 12 rebounds. Johnny Qualls canned eight points, and with 10 was Demetrius Roach, who had five steals, while John Loggie netted six points, John Ryan had four and Reid Grissing had eight boards and a pair of points.

For Team Queso, Wherden Charles powered his team with 12 points, Josiah Wynn scored 10 points and nabbed six boards, Eric Brown netted eight and picked up eight rebounds, Dylan Estevez scored five and dished out four assists, Kyle Ford also had five as Manny Estevez grabbed five rebounds and scored two and Herschell Majors connected on a free throw.

BEAST MODE 67, STOCK ISLAND CARTEL 34

Nathan Knight was an animal for Beast Mode scoring 19 points and grabbing eight rebounds. Dado Vucinic netted 18 points and Ivan Milanovic canned 14 with four boards. Esteban Orizi (6 rebounds) and Jan Koranda (7 assists) each scored five points, while Marko Mandic netted four points and Matthew Sheehan grabbed five boards with two

points. The Cartel's Daniel Morales led the team with 12 points and eight rebounds, Joe Stickney and Vic Cane each scored five points, with three each were Joal Rivero and Daniel Ramirez, as Dexter Butler and Mitchell Cameron both scored two.

B-BALLS DEEP 66, NOTHING MAJOR BALLERS 49

Antonio Guieb had a double/double with 19 points and 10 rebounds, Ryan Wagner netted 16 points and pulled down four rebounds, Korey Damel scored a half dozen points and had six boards and Anthony Rice netted seven points, picked up three rebounds and had five steals. Angelo Guieb canned five points and nabbed five boards and with three points each were Bernard Simmons, Donjae Valdez and Keith Valdez who also had three assists.

For NMB, De'Quan Garner netted 17 points and Nathaniel Hayes had 12 to lead the way. Curtis Houston scored nine points and pulled down seven rebounds, Livingston Stocker ripped the nets for seven and Dontrell Holloway and J.P. Malott had two each.

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Korey Damel (No. 3) slaps the ball away from Curtis Houston and Nathaniel Hayes on the rebound.



Nothing Major Ballers' Livingston Stocker slows down his dribble to check out his options in front of the B-Balls Deep bench.



Antonio Guieb takes off on a fast break for B-Balls Deep.



Keith Valdez (No. 5) gets the rebound and flips the ball away from Kelvin Taylor (No. 4) and a Nothing Major Ballers teammate behind Valdez.



Nathaniel Hayes (No. 5) goes up against Angelo Guieb (No. 4) and Antonio Guieb (No. 1) for a rebound.



It was a good thing that Nothing Major Ballers' Curtis Houston (No. 2) followed Anthony Rice (No. 20) on this fast break layup as the ball bounced in and out of the net and Houston got the rebound.

Baseball

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the Bartlett Silver Hawks from Illinois. Andrew Roberts will get the start on the mound, Haggard said.

Other probable starters this morning include Jack Haggard in center, Osborne in right, Roberts at first, Anden Rady will start at the hot corner, Gabe Williams will be in left, Wyatt Kuhn at short and Mack Hill at sec-

ond. Ben Hiller and Dylan Ziels with each be extra hitters.

On Monday, the Cudas begin at 8:30 a.m. against the Detroit Bees from Michigan and at 4:30 p.m. they host the Harrisburg Storm from

North Carolina.

The Cudas get a break on Tuesday morning to give them time to visit the National Baseball Hall of Fame in the Village of Cooperstown, but they will be back in action at 1:45

p.m. with a meeting against the Kenston Bombers from Ohio.

Their 7 p.m. game is against perennial champions Beaver Valley Black team from Pennsylvania.

Haggard said the weather

in Cooperstown was definitely different from the hot and humid Keys.

"It's a little cool and over-cast, but the kids are having an absolute blast," Haggard said.

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COMMENTARY

Black marks will fall off credit reports in July

BY LIZ WESTON

Starting July 1, the credit scores of up to 14 million people began a to rise as credit reports are scrubbed of nearly all civil judgments and many tax liens.

Consumer advocates hail the data's deletion as a long-overdue victory for people whose scores were unfairly dinged by inaccurate information. Others worry the changes could inflate the scores of risky borrowers and have a catastrophic impact on lenders.

People shouldn't expect an immediate jump in their scores, however.

On July 1, the three major credit bureaus — Experian, Equifax and TransUnion — will exclude new records of civil judgments and tax liens that don't have minimum identifying information including Social Security numbers or dates of birth as well as any record of judgments or liens that hasn't been updated within 90 days. The bureaus also remove old records of judgments and liens that don't meet the enhanced standards, a process that's expected to take several weeks, says Francis Creighton, president and CEO of the Consumer Data Industry Association, a trade group that represents the bureaus.

Credit scoring company FICO estimates that 6 to 7 percent of people who have FICO scores will have a tax lien or civil judgment purged from their records. Tax liens stem from unpaid state or federal tax bills, while civil judgments are court rulings from lawsuits filed over old debts, unpaid child support, evictions and other noncriminal matters. Judgments and liens show up in the public records section of credit reports and can seriously damage credit scores.

Does a judgment or lien make you riskier?

The credit bureaus aren't being forced to delete this information. They're doing it voluntarily, in large part because these public records weren't properly verified or updated, generating many consumer complaints and disputes.

The credit bureaus might have found a way to keep the records if the data were overwhelmingly valuable to lenders, their primary customers.

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THE QUEEN ROASTS HER OWN BEANS



Photos by BRIAN BASHAM/The Citizen

Hot steaming, smoking coffee beans are automatically dumped from the roaster after about 16 minutes of roasting to make the Cuban Coffee Queen's Queen's Roast coffee.

Cuban Coffee Queen now roasts, wholesales its own coffee

BY MANDY MILES
Key West Citizen

Authentically strong Cuban coffee: Check.

Breakfast all day *and* an impressive lunch menu: Check.

Cool T-shirts and memorabilia: Check.

As if the Cuban Coffee Queen didn't already have it all. The company started last month roasting its own Arabica coffee beans in a new location in Key Lime Square off Southard Street.

That's right, Southard Street.

Everyone knows the Cuban Coffee Queen's original location at the Key West Historic

Seaport, where a committed collection of bleary-eyed devotees gathers each morning for their favorite fuel. Others may not realize that the Cuban Coffee Queen, with its recognizable black and yellow logo, expanded its empire when it moved into the covered pavilion in Key Lime Square that years ago housed the Lobos lunch wrap spot.

These days, the walk-up window looks onto a comfortable outdoor dining area, and just next door is the newest addition: The roasters.

Steaming hot coffee beans are roasted to perfection for about 16 minutes. Once complete, the beans are used by the company's local baristas for the morning, noon and evening caffeine fixes, but plenty more are carefully packaged and now available for wholesale orders online and in person at Key Lime Square, behind Bank of America off Southard Street.

Marius Venter and his fearless crew take pride in roasting, brewing, creating, mixing and pouring the perfect coffee drinks. But that's not all.

The shop also features smoothies, juices, salads, rice and beans, and sandwiches such as a Cuban Queen Mix, a Key West chicken salad sandwich, tuna melts, turkey clubs and plenty of others.

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The Cuban Coffee Queen recently started roasting its own beans at a new Key Lime Square roasting location next to its coffee shop.



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BOTTOM LINE

FKCC honors Morgan, Otis as top employees

Florida Keys Community College recently recognized two employees during its annual Employee Appreciation Awards luncheon.

Beryl Morgan, director of financial aid, was named Employee of the Year, and Rita Otis, a nursing instructor, was named Adjunct Faculty of the Year.

College President Jonathan Gueverra recognized Morgan for her leadership in improving financial aid processes, as well as her commitment to helping students attain financial aid packages and understanding loan commitments. Morgan has served as FKCC's financial aid director for the past year and has 15 years of higher education career experience. Previously, she worked for the FKCC Foundation, where she supported fundraising for and distribution of scholarships

and other academic support funds.

Otis was selected by Vice President of Academic Affairs, Brittany Snyder in recognition of her outstanding work teaching the lecture, lab and clinical portions of the college's Nursing Fundamentals class. She recently took on the challenge of incorporating new patient simulation technology into the course curriculum to improve the student learning experience. Otis is widely known on campus as being a passionate instructor who pushes students to strive for excellence as they study the nursing profession.

LKMC honors top employees, anniversaries

Lower Keys Medical Center recently named the Outstanding Employee Award recipients for June.

Those honored were Margaret Kehoe, R.N., Medical Surgical Unit, and Nancy Ross, mammography technician, Imaging Department. Employees are nominated for the recognition through positive patient and family feedback and by their peers for going above and beyond in service to

patients or their colleagues.

Also, LKMC recently honored 58 employees for service to the hospital. Employees who have served five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years were recognized.

Sharon Harper, R.N., nursing supervisor, was honored for serving at the hospital for 35 years, while Tami Harmon, administrative assistant and scheduler in Surgical Services, was recognized with the Frank Houtman Memorial Award, named for a beloved volunteer at the hospital known for consistently going above and beyond for patients and colleagues.



Morgan



Otis



Kehoe



Ross



Harper



Harmon

BUSINESS

LOWER KEYS

Free career skills seminar offered by Zonta

The Zonta Club of Key West will present the ongoing “Journey to Success” series designed for Key West and Lower Keys residents who want to enhance their career skills. High school and college students are welcome.

The free workshop will be held on Saturday, Aug. 5, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Gato Building, 1100 Simonton St., Key West. “Journey to Success” is funded by a grant from the Community Foundation of the Florida Keys.

Businesswomen in the community, financial experts and Zonta members will present hands-on training and practical tips in three sessions: “Basic Banking Skills,” “The Growth of Money,” and “How to Keep Your Job and Advance Your Career.” The workshop includes lunch, child care for children ages 2-5 and transportation.

Preregistration by Friday, July 28, is required for the workshop, child care and transportation. For information, call Harlee Fisher at 305-783-7748.

Rotary Clubs installs new leaders, officers

Gena Parsons, National Marine Sanctuary Foundation communications and outreach specialist, leads the Key West Sunrise Rotary Club as president for the upcoming year, succeeding NAS Key West public affairs officer Trice Denny, who continues to serve on the club's board as past president.

Steve Miller takes over from Steve Estes as president of the Big Pine Key and Lower Keys Rotary Club. Miller was installed at the club's banquet in June.

LOWER KEYS



Celebrating the new members of the Key West Sunrise Rotary Board for the upcoming year are, front row from left, Stephanie Griffiths, treasurer, Dave Geller, treasurer-elect, Gena Parsons, president, Sue Fowler and Sean McCoy, as well as back row, from left, George Lindner, parliamentarian, Bob Eadie, Trice Denny, past president, Stan Rzad, Matt Babich, sergeant-at-arms, and Carl Stevens. Not pictured are George Wallace, president-elect, Ron Demes, Scott Duszynski, Mark Moss and Roger Cousineau.

Other Sunrise club officers are George Wallace, president-elect; Stephanie and George Lindner, parliamentarian. Griffiths, treasurer; Dave Geller, treasurer-elect; Matt Babich, sergeant-at-arms

MARATHON

Free financial classes

United Way of the Florida Keys is offering free financial literacy classes to those interested in improving their budgeting and money management skills.

A class is scheduled from 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25, in Marathon at the Power Squadron Building, located at 5211 Loggerhead, across the street from St. Columba Church. Materials are provided.

The class, titled “Money Matters,” will instruct attendees how to identify ways to increase income and decrease spending, track spending habits, prepare a personal spending plan/budget to help balance monthly income and expenses, and more.

Additional classes including different topics will be scheduled in Marathon and Key West.

For information and registration, email Loretta Geotis at vita@keysunitedway.org or call 305-797-1704.

Jason Alexander watches the control screen for the Cuban Coffee Queen's bean roaster. Temperature and roast time are all automatically controlled by the computer after initial tests were made to create the coffee shop's own unique taste.



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Coffee

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“Come in the morning for café con leche or a Cuban chocolate mocha,” Venter said temptingly. “And

remember to stop and check out our new roasters in Key Lime Square. We've dialed in the right timing and perfected the recipes for our main signature roasts.” Cuban Coffee Queen locations, 284 Margaret St.

and 508 Southard St. (Key Lime Square #35), are open daily from 6:30 a.m. to sunset. And they deliver. Check out <http://www.cubancoffeequeen.com> or find them on Facebook for menus and more information.

How to eat well, stay fit on a budget

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Committing to wellness doesn't have to be the pricey endeavor that legions of retailers and fancy salad shops want you to think it is. Cooking dinner at home instead of eating out, for example, was associated with healthier diets and lower spending on food overall, according to a recent study from the University of Washington School of Public Health.

If you're used to springing for fast food or ordering a lot of takeout, it'll take dedication to start planning meals and cooking for yourself. Working out cheaply or for free will also require researching options and discovering what you enjoy. But you'll feel stronger and

more in control of your health — and budget — so give these strategies a try.

First, understand what counts as “healthy.” Working within guidelines can help you realistically build exercise and a nutritious diet into your lifestyle. That will prevent you from overspending on boutique gyms and organic produce you don't need and can't afford.

The MyPlate Checklist Calculator from the U.S. Department of Agriculture offers personalized guidelines for the amount of fruit, vegetables, grains, protein and dairy to eat per day. Use the nonprofit Environmental Working Group's Shopper's Guide to Pesticides in Produce to decide which fruits and veg-

etables to splurge on. The “Clean Fifteen” lists foods least likely to contain pesticides, which means you can select their cheaper, non-organic versions.

Adults should do aerobic exercise (like walking, swimming, biking or running) at moderate intensity for a total of 150 minutes per week or at vigorous intensity for 75 minutes per week, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Two or more days of muscle-strengthening activities, such as push-ups, crunches or yoga, are also recommended.

“What is it that interests you most?” Matthews says. “The way that people see the best results is by doing something consistently.”

Credit

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But that doesn't seem to be the case.

The credit bureaus, creditor scorers FICO and VantageScore Solutions and mortgage buyer Fannie Mae have all said that removing the data will have at most a minor impact on lenders' ability to predict risk.

Almost all — 92 percent — of people who have liens or judgments in their credit reports have other negative information in their files, says Ethan Dornhelm, FICO's vice president for scores and analytics. That's why independent studies by FICO and VantageScore Solutions found that scores went up an average of just 10 points when liens and judgments were removed.

A much smaller group of people — about 1 million of the 200 million people with FICO scores — whose credit

reports are otherwise clean could see their scores rise more.

Not all players think the change is benign. A representative of LexisNexis Risk Solutions says the outcome could be “catastrophic.” The company is marketing reports with the deleted public records data to lenders.

The data and analytics provider found that people with judgments and tax liens on their credit reports are more than five times as likely to default on a mortgage as people without those records, says Tim Coyle, senior director for real estate and mortgage at LexisNexis Risk Solutions.

Why did FICO and VantageScore Solutions find that scores reach a different conclusion? LexisNexis compared people with negative public records to those without. The credit scoring companies used databases stripped of the questionable

records, then calculated scores based on the information that remained.

Will lenders move the goal posts?

It's an open question how many of the affected folks will look more creditworthy than they actually are and how many are actually good credit risks who were victimized by erroneous data.

Lenders will find out by monitoring default rates and they will adjust their lending criteria accordingly, says Jeff Richardson, a VantageScore Solutions spokesman. That could mean raising cutoff limits for acceptable scores — which means in turn that those who see their scores improve only modestly could find the loans they want still out of reach.

Lenders' ability to course correct varies. Credit card lenders, for example, can quickly ratchet down credit limits, raise interest rates

on new balances or accept fewer applicants. Mortgage lenders, by contrast, make much larger loans that can take months or years to start going bad in significant numbers.

So it's understandable that mortgage lenders may be a little twitchy about the change — and why Fannie Mae sent a letter urging them not to be. The mortgage buyer promised “lenders can continue to have full confidence” in its approval decisions — but it also said it will continue to monitor the situation.

That is what consumers should do as well. Knowing what your scores are, and taking actions to keep them as high as possible, is an important part of managing your finances skillfully in the 21st Century.

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TOURISM SNAPSHOT

Lodging occupancy report for the week of July 2-8, 2017

The following is a glimpse of what percentage of hotel rooms were booked in Key West and the Florida Keys during the previous week based on information provided by lodging properties throughout Monroe County.

KEY WEST

	Sun 2	Mon 3	Tues 4	Wed 5	Thur 6	Fri 7	Sat 8
OCCUPANCY (%)							
This Year	97.4	97.0	88.4	88.8	91.4	90.2	93.2
Last Year	98.2	81.8	85.7	91.4	91.0	93.4	96.9
% Change	-0.8	18.6	3.1	-2.8	0.5	-3.4	-3.8

FLORIDA KEYS

	Sun 2	Mon 3	Tues 4	Wed 5	Thur 6	Fri 7	Sat 8
OCCUPANCY (%)							
This Year	94.9	93.7	82.2	81.7	86.2	87.8	92.2
Last Year	93.9	75.2	78.3	84.9	86.2	88.8	93.1
% Change	1.0	24.7	5.0	-3.8	0.0	-1.1	-0.9

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TAN LINES

Hanging up

BY MANDY MILES
Key West Citizen

I finally did it. I left. It wasn't easy; but change never is. I'm still finding my way through some uncharted territory during this adjustment period, so please bear with me if it takes me longer to answer or return your call, or reply to a text message or email. I know I'll be fine, and everything will work out, but today, it all feels just, well, different. Different and a little awkward.

But things had to change and I knew I'd have to be the one to initiate the conversation. It was time to stand up to the bully who had been pushing me around, taking my money and a piece of my soul, month by month, year by year.

So I pounded an energy drink on Thursday afternoon and took a deep breath to steady my nerves and steel myself for battle.

After 17 years of this one-sided relationship, the final, three-hour showdown included threats, apologies, promises and two hang-ups. But I finally extricated myself.

I survived and I walked away. No, I sprinted.

So far, I must say, my world is immeasurably better. Better, fresher, newer, faster, more attractive and with unlimited potential for fun, intrigue, exploration and productivity. There are new projects and adventures on my horizon, and I finally feel sufficiently equipped to make them happen. I just needed the right tools — and the confidence to walk away from all that was holding me back.

I'm still discovering all the new freedoms and all the options now available to me, things I didn't know existed until Thursday, but already can't live without. Colors are brighter, lines are clearer and everything looks its best.

I can't believe I waited so long. I am no longer legally attached to a selfish and unfeeling entity, although I did take up with another provider within minutes of the breakup. It had to be done.

That's right, I changed cellphone companies. But not only did I change providers, but I also upgraded my phone from a 5-year-old Galaxy S3 to a brand new S7, just one step below the latest version. Hallelujah, life is beautiful.

But you know what frustrates me the most? After 17 years, I don't even think the ex even noticed, or cared that I was leaving, yet they'll bend over backwards to take care of a new customer with special offers and introductory rates. Nice. So much for loyalty.

But we'll see. When it comes to such service providers, I'm a bit of a fair-weather friend myself. And I'm not above threatening to leave just to get a better deal. It's the American way. So we'll see. Perhaps the former will lure me back with glittering promises and discounted apologies.

But for now, I'm enjoying all my brand new options.

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KEYS LIFE

to your pet's health

Here's the right line on fish hooks and your pets

BY DR. DOUG MADER
Citizen Columnist

There's no better way to ruin a summer vacation than to have to take your dog to the veterinarian for emergency surgery to remove an ingested fish hook. Here are some ways to not only prevent that from happening, but also what to do if it happens.

Dogs, and sometimes cats, will occasionally encounter fishing hooks from the perspective of a fish — not a good thing! It is not uncommon for a person to lean a baited hook against the wall, railing, transom, etc. Along comes Fido and what does he see? Food! So, he takes a big bite — squid, pinfish, hook and all.

With cats, they often see a



Image provided by Doug Mader

This X-ray shows a dog with a circle hook, line and swivel. The hook was successfully removed using an endoscope and no surgery was needed.

fishing pole leaning against a wall with a hook dangling off the end of a loose line. Their natural instinct is to play with the dangly, shiny hook and line, and often

take a bite. As a result, cats usually get hooked in the lip, where dogs often swallow the entire thing, with the hook ending up in the esophagus, stomach or further

down the gastrointestinal tract. Keep all hooks, baited or otherwise, away from curious dogs and cats. There are a few things that you should know about handling fish hook ingestions. It that can be a scary thing when you see your pet swallow a hook — and, if not corrected and treated right away can be very, very serious (potentially even deadly). If this happens, don't panic, and follow a couple of very important rules. If you do, there is a good chance that you can prevent your pet from needing surgery to remove it. If caught in time, and if the hook is baited, it is often possible to get the dog to vomit up the hook, like and sinker. If that fails, the next non surgical step is to use an endoscope — basically a long snake with a TV camera and grasper on the end. The scope can

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on the bookshelf

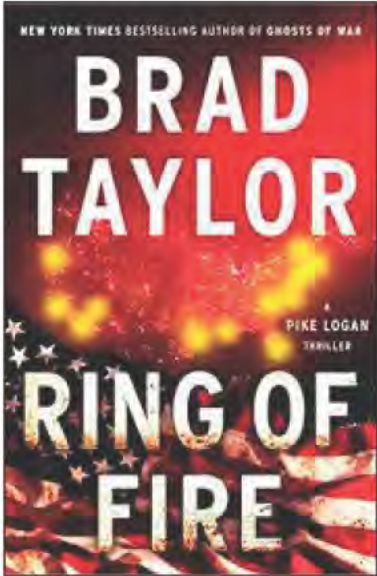
You should enjoy this book if you like military-style thrillers

BY DAVID BECKWITH
Citizen Book Critic

One of the great launch pads for fiction is an actual event (a topic we explored at the recent Key West Mystery Writers Festival). Making a story line tie back to news or events the public remembers is a great way for an author to immediately entrench in his reader's mind his own plot's credibility. Clive Cussler has always been a master at accomplishing this despite the fact that his plots often strayed far from any truth. The "Ring Of Fire" plot grows from the 2016 release of the Panama Papers in which 11.5 million leaked documents exposed secrets which have in some cases been hidden since the 1970's as well as 215,000 previously unknown offshore entities. Taylor even uses the name of the actual law firm, Mossack Fonseca, in this novel as the source of the leaks. What a great place for Brad Taylor to begin to spin an adventure tale!

As the book begins, the Panama Papers are beginning to spread panic with many people including the U.S. Government's secret, quasi-legal unit which had been created to contain

terrorist plots and global threats known only as The Taskforce. Dexter Worthington, a top government subcontractor, is also beginning to hyperventilate since the leaked documents will expose that fifteen years ago he had used an account set up through a shell company when he was struggling to keep his company afloat to win his first defense contract by bribing a Saudi businessman. His dilemma will soon be entwined with Pike Logan and Jennifer



Cahill's efforts to hide the fact that The Taskforce's accounts are included in the Panama Papers as well. What begins as a seemingly plum assignment in the Bahamas, which hopefully will give Pike and Jennifer some R & R time in a five-star resort, spirals out of control when The Taskforce discovers that the Saudis who had funded the 9/11 attacks are using Dexter's former

account without his knowledge to fund terrorism activities worldwide and are planning a new series of attacks on America to coincide with an upcoming 9/11 anniversary using drones as killing machines.

I have reviewed Brad Taylor's books on The Taskforce in the past and have

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through the grapevine...

The big chill on red wine

BY ROBERT WHITLEY

There used to be a saying among wine aficionados that "a wine's first obligation is to be red." Indeed, there is a significant body of wine enthusiasts that clings to that mantra and only drinks red wine — as an aperitif before dinner; with dinner, even if fish or shellfish are being served; or after dinner, as a nightcap. To each his own. But my mantra is that a wine's first obligation is to be delicious. The thought of sipping a heavy tannic red wine served at room temperature on a sultry 90-degree summer day is far from appealing. Bring me something cool and refreshing.

For those whose thirst can only be quenched by a red wine, there is a solution. Several categories of red wine are frequently served with a slight chill, particularly in Mediterranean climates.

The most common red wine often served chilled is Beaujolais. It's light in tannins and easy to drink when young, and it has such a burst of bright fruit that it can even can be lip-smacking delicious served cold. The French sometimes even serve it chilled in the dead of winter.

Italy has its own Beaujolais-style wine in dol-

cetto, which is made in the northern Italian district of Piemonte. Dolcetto is generally lighter than Beaujolais — at least cru Beaujolais — but it is fruit-forward and delicious and loses nothing when given 10 to 15 minutes on ice before serving.

Spain also has a serious red wine that benefits from chilling in warm weather: Rioja crianza. The crianza Riojas are lower in the Rioja hierarchy, well behind reserva and gran reserva. They are younger and usually fruitier with lower levels of tannins. Tapas bars throughout the Rioja region often serve crianza by the glass with a slight chill.

So, if you're a die-hard red wine lover and the summer heat's getting to you, here's a tip: Chill.

Best value

Wines are rated on a 100-point scale. Wines are chosen for review because they represent outstanding quality or value, and the scores are simply a measure of this reviewer's enthusiasm for the recommended wine.

• Gabbiano 2015 Dark Knight, Toscana IGT, Italy (\$17) — Gabbiano's great leap forward over the past two decades has been built around its heart and soul, traditional chianti classico. The next step is a plunge

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a matter of taste

Make a heart-healthy menu with flavorful fruit

Heart-healthy foods can play a role in healthy aging. Whether you enjoy them by the handful as a refreshing snack or use them to add color, crunch and a touch of sweetness to a meal, grapes are a heart-healthy option that make eating better easy.

Grapes of all colors — red, green and black — are a natural source of beneficial antioxidants and other polyphenols. At just 90 calories per serving, they also contain no fat, no cholesterol and virtually no sodium.

With a juicy burst of flavor, grapes show how simple it can be to make good-for-you-dishes that also taste great. Even though California grapes are a snacking staple in most kitchens, you may not realize how versatile they can be for cooking. For example, grapes add a sweet touch to a crunchy yogurt salad and complement the bold spice on a skewer of grilled shrimp. Fresh, flavorful



Photo provided by Family Features

Many do not realize how versatile California grapes can be for cooking, such as a complement to the bold spice on a skewer of grilled shrimp.

grapes even put a tangy, fresh twist on a soothing glass of iced tea.

A grape-enriched diet helped protect against metabolic brain decline in Alzheimer's-related

areas of the brain, according to research from the University of California-Los Angeles. The pilot study, funded by the California Table Grape Commission, was conducted among people with early memory decline and showed that subjects who didn't consume grapes exhibited significant metabolic decline in these critical regions. Additionally, those consuming the grape-enriched diet showed beneficial changes in regional brain metabolism that correlated to improvements in cognition and working memory performance, according to a report published by Experimental Gerontology.

Find more delicious recipes to make healthy eating easy at <http://www.grapesfromcalifornia.com>.

ZAHTAR SHRIMP AND GRAPE KABOBS

Ingredients
2 tablespoons zahtar

1 clove garlic, minced
1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme
2 tablespoons white balsamic vinegar
1 teaspoon honey
1/8 teaspoon sea salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
36-40 large shrimp (about 2 pounds), shelled and deveined
1 cup whole green California grapes
1 cup whole red California grapes
Preparations
In medium bowl, combine zahtar, garlic, thyme, vinegar, honey, salt, pepper and olive oil. Whisk to combine. Add shrimp and toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate at least 30 minutes or up to 4 hours. Thread shrimp and grapes onto skewers. Heat grill or grill pan to medium-high. Grill skewers, turning once, until shrimp are lightly charred and cooked through and grapes are caramelized but firm, about 2-3 minutes per side.
Nutritional information per serving:
190 calories; 20 g protein; 12 g carbohydrate; 6 g fat (28% calories from fat); 1 g saturated fat (5 percent calories from saturated fat); 180 mg cholesterol; 870 mg sodium; 1 g fiber.
Servings: 6

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KEYS LIFE

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Arboreal primate
6 Disney site
11 Water, to Pedro
15 Secret store
20 Lacking sense
21 Cease-fire
22 Sir, in Delhi
24 Open-air lobbies
25 Tie tacks
26 Kitchen gadget
27 Reeves of "Speed"
28 Speckled horses
29 Peak
31 Orange Bowl city
33 Skater's jump
34 Rudely sarcastic
35 Workers' group (2 wds.)
37 Colorado ski town
39 Hippo locale
41 Astronaut -- Grissom
42 Sheath
43 Face-powder base
44 Southfork surname
46 Leaning Tower town
50 -- Dawn Chong
51 Tuna anagram
52 TV's Sharkey et al
53 Bears' abodes
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59 Home-loan agcy.
60 Kipling tiger -- Khan
61 Mumble
62 "– the thought!"
63 Scribbles down
64 Jerked away
65 Drill attachment
66 Low-pH compounds
67 Univ. awards
68 Daring deeds
69 List of typos
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73 Apollo's mother
74 Heather habitats
75 Grass fungus
76 Obvious
79 Bach opus
80 Served (2 wds.)
84 Popeye's greeting
85 Alpine refrain
86 Layer of paint
87 Vocalist -- Sumac
88 Monty --

91 Gritty
92 Duds
93 Brew tea
95 London lav
96 Toss about, as ideas
97 Omigosh!
98 Like some battles
99 Klutz's cry (hyph.)
101 Lawrence Welk tune
102 Hoop's place
103 Novice
104 Filleted fish
105 Scrutinizes
106 In the buff
107 Confer knighthood
108 Bilko and Preston
109 Sari sporters
111 Blouse part
112 Steel rod
114 Ballpark fig.
117 TLC providers
118 Airport summons
119 Gulf seafood order (2 wds.)
124 Knee or elbow
126 Cause damage to
128 Big mix-up
130 Wear away
131 Lethargy
132 Burro alternative
134 Carthage neighbor
136 Spree
137 Tilts
138 Wobbled, as a rocket
139 Bishop's topper
140 Prospectors' finds
141 Rendezvous
142 As to (2 wds.)
143 -- nova
144 Get the lead out?

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1 Composer Franz --
2 PC key
3 Hawaii's -- Loa
4 Disconnected
5 Took it easy
6 And so forth
7 Cross one's heart
8 Souvenirs
9 Anagram of canoe
10 Course length
11 Make inquiry
12 Irish tongue

13 Trailer rental (hyph.)
14 Dogpatch verb
15 Biologist Rachel --
16 Like -- -- of bricks
17 Diet guru Jenny --
18 Shiva believer
19 Moves gingerly
23 Verbal fad
30 Team cheer
32 Ivanka's mom
36 Patricia of "Hud"
38 Contour-line info
40 Belgian river
43 Antacid brand
44 "En garde" weapons
45 Mdse.
46 Tropical melon
47 Polar cover (2 wds.)
48 Be very frugal
49 Like the Kalahari
51 Emmets
52 IOUs
54 Isle off Sicily
55 Night in Paris
56 Baja Ms.
58 -- Enterprise
59 Disco dancer (hyph.)
60 Portion
63 Rocker Joan --
64 Asian capital
67 Gainsay
68 Stick-in-the-mud
69 Discharge
70 Habit
71 AAA suggestion
73 Ponce de --
74 Not clear
75 Swedish import
77 Long sigh
78 Between pi and sigma
79 "Klute" Oscar winner
80 Lasted well
81 Easter activity
82 Short-order fare
83 Port near Pompeii
85 Sharp tugs
86 Cloak
88 Asset
89 Cheery cry (hyph.)
90 Implement
91 Markdowns
92 Sarcastic remark
93 Masseuse employer

94 Not that
96 Like a youth
97 Nostalgic time
98 Home of the Illini
100 Yonder yacht
101 Quaker colonist
102 Fishing spots
103 Clumsy boats
106 Peat source
107 Infers

110 Monet or Gauguin
111 Whine
112 Upgrades
113 Unruly crowd
114 Escape button
115 Fish finder
116 Like a cheap piano
118 Jumbo shrimp
119 3:1, e.g.
120 Abbot's underling

121 Bamboo eater
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125 Tree products
127 Jai --
129 Make insensitive
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135 Southern constellation

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

Mader

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go into the esophagus and down to the stomach. If the hook can be seen, it is often possible to grasp the hook with a special instrument, and then remove it without ever having to do surgery.
However, if the hook is embedded into the stomach wall (meaning that

the barb is buried in the tissue) the endoscope can't remove it. There are no endoscopic tools that are powerful enough to cut a hook, so then is has to be removed surgically.
There are two cardinal rules to follow if your dog (or cat) swallows a fish hook:
1) *Never, ever, ever* pull the line to remove the hook. This generally makes it worse and decreases the

Wine

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into the trendy world of Super Tuscan red blends. But this is not the usual Super Tuscan plunge, which often is a trophy wine the average person can't afford. Gabbiano's Dark Knight, a blend of cabernet sauvignon, merlot and sangiovese, is a mere \$17. Don't be fooled by the price. This is a bold, full-bodied red

that shows layers of black fruits, firm structure and a judicious presence of wood spice. It's a steal. Rating: 90

Tasting notes

• Dry Creek Vineyard 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon, Dry Creek Valley (\$26) — Perhaps one of the finest values in cabernet sauvignon from this vintage, the Dry Creek Cab is a bold, distinctive red that would hold its own in a lineup of much pricier wines. This vintage

Book

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enjoyed each and every one of them. They seem to keep getting better and better; this, in my opinion, being the best one yet. It is a fast-paced thriller with a complicated plot since several groups of independent-ly-acting terrorists are involved. Pike is an almost a super heroic character who I believe is Taylor's alter ego (Taylor is himself a 20-year combat veteran of the U.S. Army Special Forces.).

"Rock Bottom"

By E.R. Warner

\$15.99 (Softbound)
available on Kindle

Pike is not shy about often cryptically expressing his political views and his detestation of terrorism. Jennifer is a strong but likable female character who can hold her own with Pike and has skills which often surpass his. Despite this being a series, Taylor gives enough background on The Taskforce and the the main

likelihood that it can be removed with an endoscope.
2) *Never* cut the line! Simply tie the leftover line to the pet's collar. If the line is still attached it makes it very simple for the endoscope to follow the line right to the hook and remove it.
I always try to remove the hooks non-surgically first. If the hook is embedded in the esophagus or

stomach then I take the pet directly surgery. Note: The vast majority of hooks can be removed with the endoscope. The pet gets to go home just a few hours after the procedure. But never pull or cut the line!

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offers layered black fruits, a warm wood note, firm tannins and a deliciously long, spicy finish. Drink it now, or tuck it away for a few years. Either way, it's a superb California cab at a very modest price. Rating: 93.
• Dry Creek Vineyard 2014 Merlot, Dry Creek Valley (\$26) — Dry Creek Valley is one of the warmer sites in Sonoma County, which would seem to be a strike against any merlot vineyards there. But the nights

are cool, and the grapes love that. This beauty exhibits freshness and balance, though it's richly layered and complex. It shows notes of plum and blackberry, and a hint of cedar and graphite. Despite its richness and voluptuous palate, there is a firm backbone that indicates it will improve with another three to five years in the cellar. Rating: 92.

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Where’s Rey? Despite Monopoly maker’s promise, still missing

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Where’s the character Rey in the “Star Wars” version of Monopoly? In a land far, far away, apparently.

Eighteen months after game-maker Hasbro Inc. promised to add the female character to the game by the fall of 2016, an Illinois girl who wrote to the company to say “girls matter” is still waiting.

Others are, too.

After inquiries from The Associated Press, the Pawtucket-based company said it made the Rey piece but sets with Rey weren’t available for sale in the U.S. People who bought the all-male game can request a Rey from customer service, spokeswoman Julie Duffy said.

“In early 2016, Hasbro updated the 2015 Star Wars:



The Associated Press

Carrie Goldman's daughter, Annie Rose, holds a letter in Evanston, Ill., that she wrote to Hasbro asking why the female character Rey was omitted from a Monopoly set based on 'Star Wars: The Force Awakens,' when she is a main character and crucial to the story.

Monopoly game to add a Rey token,” Duffy said by email. “This product was sold to retailers in several markets around the world but is not

available for sale in the U.S. due to insufficient interest.”

Duffy said the company offered the updated version of the game to U.S. retailers but “retailers had ample inventory so they did not choose to sell the new version.”

She said the game with a Rey piece was made available in five markets, including the United Kingdom and France, though the AP found one family that recently bought the game in the United Kingdom and no Rey was included. Duffy said the company has fulfilled 99 requests for the Rey token in the United States and 10 in Canada.

Hasbro said it would add a Rey character in January 2016, amid an online outcry that carried the hashtag #WheresRey.

“We love the passion fans have for Rey, and are

happy to announce that we will be making a running change to include her in the Monopoly: Star Wars game available later this year,” Duffy told the AP by email at the time.

She added that fans who had already bought the game “can obtain the Rey token by contacting Hasbro Consumer Care when the updated game becomes available later this year.”

Annie Rose Goldman wrote the letter that sparked the outcry. Her mother, Carrie Goldman, of Evanston, Illinois, said Wednesday she’s happy Annie Rose will be able to get a Rey figure but it’s not how they understood Hasbro’s promise.

“I would still like to see it where any girl or boy or person who goes to buy the game, Rey is in there,” Goldman said.

Hasbro is sending Annie Rose a token, and the family will buy the game, but Annie Rose called it “an awful lot of trouble to go through.” She pointed out that a lot of kids won’t know to call the company and said she was disappointed.

“They didn’t keep their word,” she said.

Goldman posted Annie Rose’s letter on Twitter in January 2016. In it, the then-8-year-old asks why Hasbro left out Rey from the set based on “Star Wars: The Force Awakens” when she’s a main character, crucial to the story.

“Without her THERE IS NO FORCE AWAKENS!” wrote Annie Rose, who’s now 10. “It awakens in her! And without her, the bad guys would have won! Besides, boys and girls need to see that women can be as strong as men! Girls matter!”

All four game pieces were modeled on male characters: Luke Skywalker, Darth Vader, Finn and Kylo Ren.

One British dad who bought the set in April said he got the version with all male characters, which surprised and disappointed him.

“Rey is the star of the film,” said Ian Henry, of Maidenhead, England. “You’d expect to have a female character at least.”

He bought the game for his 4-year-old son from Amazon and sent a Twitter message to Hasbro complaining about the omission.

Hasbro never responded. Henry said that when his 6-year-old daughter plays “Star Wars” on Xbox she usually chooses a female character such as Rey or Princess Leia but she doesn’t have that choice with Monopoly: Star Wars.



Photos by David A. Land/Vern Yip via AP

This undated photo provided by interior designer Vern Yip shows Yip sitting on a couch with his dogs in his home in Atlanta. With progress in technology, durable rugs made with antimicrobial, stain-resistant fibers have become much more pleasant to the touch and are available in a wide range of styles, making them perfect for pet owners, said Yip.

Stylish home decor and pets can coexist

BY MELISSA RAYWORTH

The Associated Press

It’s gotten easier to have a house full of pets without sacrificing the home decor you want.

Interior designer Vern Yip, a judge on HGTV’s “Design Star” and a dog person, says new technology has led to a variety of stylish AND pet-friendly home-furnishing options.

“The furniture and home-decor industry has really rounded the corner and come to realize that this is a way of life for a lot of people,” Yip says. Durable, easy-to-clean paints, antimicrobial stain-resistant rugs and more mean that a beautiful home and a furry pet are no longer incompatible.

Here, Yip and two other interior-design experts — Betsy Burnham, founder of Los Angeles’ Burnham Design, and small-space expert Kathryn Bechen — offer some tips:

Pet planning

Many pet owners today “are designing a space around their animals,” Burnham says. “Most of the time, I hear, ‘Oh, we’ve got dogs and a couple of cats and three kids, so please be mindful that we can’t have anything too precious.’ Then there are these really specific requests, like, ‘I’d like a built-in dog bed in my island in my kitchen.’”

Often, the planning starts with the biggest elements: walls and floors.

Paints have become much more pet-friendly (and kid-friendly) in recent years: “There are a lot of paint companies now that have flat paints that are wipe-able,” a feature previously offered only with glossy paints, Burnham says.

Flooring options have also expanded: Wood flooring companies have developed finishes that resist scratching, Yip says. Ceramic tile designed to look like stone flooring is another practical option.

“It used to be, a few decades ago, that if you put down a ceramic tile floor, it just looked like ceramic,” Yip says. This tile “looks like stone, but unlike stone it doesn’t absorb urine or other things if your dog has an accident.”

And don’t forget the little things: If your pets are very active, minimize the number of items on tabletops and put more fragile things on higher shelves, especially in small rooms, Bechen says. Add a lidded basket or storage ottoman to stash pet toys when guests come over.

Fabric strategies

Fabrics that can withstand life with pets used to be rough and often unappealing to touch, Yip says. Now, you can find stain-resistant and antimicrobial fibers in a range of styles and soft textures. Burnham suggests looking for textiles made with a finish called Nanotex, which makes the fibers stain-resistant and waterproof.

If you have cats, it’s also helpful to choose fabrics that are smooth. “We sort of embrace leathers and flatter weaves so that the cat can’t get their claws into it,” Burnham says.

Leather is also a good choice because it’s durable, and it can look even more attractive with a bit of time and wear.

Bechen suggests avoiding very light-colored fabrics if dark pet hair will frustrate you (or very dark fabrics if your pets have light hair). Print patterns are less likely



By creating a dedicated space for pets in a mudroom or laundry room, homeowners can keep their pets’ items organized and have a pleasant space to put pets if guests who aren’t comfortable with animals come to visit.

to show pet hair than solids are, she says. And it helps to keep an attractive throw blanket on your pet’s favorite furniture, and then remove it when guests come over.

“You’ll notice a lot more hair and cleaning with animals in a small space,” Bechen says. “It’s all condensed.”

Separate space

It’s a luxury to have a room devoted to pets, or to have a large enough mudroom to create a sort of pet bedroom. But Yip says that’s becoming more common.

When guests who aren’t comfortable with animals come to visit, a dedicated room gives pets “a space that’s theirs, that they can retreat to that doesn’t feel like punishment,” Yip says. Even if the space does dou-

ble-duty as an office or laundry room, you can create a secure area for a pet by keeping their bed, food dishes and familiar toys all in one place.

Get creative by adding something to entertain your pet (Yip’s dogs have an aquarium to look at), and create a sleeping space they’ll love.

“Cats love to climb,” says Bechen, so cat owners can add a shelf around the perimeter of a laundry room or mudroom and put their cat’s bed up there. It creates a perfect perch for the pet to feel safe while surveying the room.

Litter boxes can also be creatively upgraded: Bechen suggests choosing one with a decorative cover. Her favorites are designed to resemble tiny, painted houses.

Poll: Three-quarters in US say they lack influence

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Linda Bell, a beekeeper and farmer who makes about \$11,000 a year, feels Washington power brokers have no intention of making health care affordable.

“They don’t care about people like me,” says the Bosque County, Texas, resident.

Three-quarters of Americans agree that people like themselves have too little influence in Washington, rare unanimity across political, economic, racial and geographical lines and including both those who approve and disapprove of President Donald Trump, according to a new poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. Majorities also don’t have a great deal of confidence in most of the nation’s institutions. That’s especially true of Congress, which takes the biggest hit, and the presidency.

Even at a time of deepening economic and political divisions, the poll finds widespread agreement that small businesses, poor Americans and workers have too little power in Washington, while lobbyists, big business and rich people have too much.

The results are notable because Trump won his presidency with a populist call-to-arms to make “forgotten Americans” his priority and to restore jobs to people still struggling amid the economy’s recovery. Republicans who control Congress echoed Trump’s vow to overhaul President Barack Obama’s national health care law and cut people’s taxes as part of a drive to restore the American middle class. Those efforts have wobbled, however, amid Trump’s efforts to crack down on Muslim immigration, his feud-filled Twitter feed, investigations into allegations of collusion between Russia and Trump’s campaign and Congress’ inability so far to come up with a replacement for “Obamacare.”

“He said he was going to restore the middle class, and I thought he would pick really good people who would do that. But the people he picked seem to be not in touch with the middle class,” said Hobart, Indiana, resident James Pavelka, 60, a health and safety instructor who said he voted for Trump. He was referring to Trump’s Cabinet, thought to be

the wealthiest in modern times. “During the campaign, he said, ‘I’m for the little guy.’ People were angry and he fed on that and he knew how to do that.”

It’s not just Trump who makes people feel like they lack power.

Only 6 percent of Americans have a great deal of confidence in Congress, with wide agreement across party lines.

Fourteen percent of people said they have a great deal of confidence in the executive branch, which includes the president and all of the Cabinet agencies, and 24 percent say the same of the Supreme Court.

Most Americans feel solid about the armed forces, with about 56 percent saying they have a great deal of confidence in the people running the military.

About 3 in 10 Americans say they have a great deal of confidence in the FBI, and a third says the same of the scientific community. Both are trusted more by Democrats than Republicans.

Beyond government, only about 11 percent of Americans say they have a lot of confidence in the news media, the target of angry tweets by Trump.

And just 1 in 10 says they have a great deal of confidence in major companies, banks and financial institutions, or labor unions.

There’s no question that Trump, a Manhattan real estate magnate with a global business empire, has little personally in common with the majority of people in the U.S., where the median household income is around \$54,000 a year. But Jennifer McDonald, an office manager from Arvada, Colorado, says the president shares her loathing of the Washington establishment. Still, she says she’s disappointed in Trump’s “hissy fits” on Twitter and downright angry with the leaders of Congress who share her party but not her priorities of “just getting things done”— such as cutting taxes and replacing Obama’s health care law.

“There are times when I’m watching them and thinking, ‘I just don’t know who you’re speaking for,’” McDonald, 44, says of the GOP Congress. “All they do is stand there and argue and I think, ‘My God, would you please realize what you have here: You have control of both houses. Get it done.’”

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Emotional distress could ruin your plans this year. Approach with caution anyone who shows signs of erratic behavior. Enforce moderation and simplicity in whatever you choose to do. Choose quality over quantity and you will avoid having to do things over again. Don't fold under pressure.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) – Avoid bullies and those who put unreasonable demands on you. Don't make unrealistic promises just to gain approval. Channel your energy into being productive, not into angling.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – Put your efforts into intellectual or physical enhancements or accomplishing something that you find challenging and exhilarating. Strive for personal perfection, love and fulfillment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – What you do for others should be done because you want to, not because you feel obligated. If guilt tactics are used, you will end up in an emotional argument.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – You'll be surrounded by uncertainty and people who are apt to do something unexpectedly. Be prepared to counter any situation that threatens your integrity or emotional fortitude.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Stick to the people who share the same opinions and goals as you. Avoid anyone using manipulative tactics to take advantage of you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Make personal changes. Start conversations with people you'd consider getting into a joint venture with. New beginnings will give you a chance to use and market your skills differently.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Emotional situations will be difficult to deal with. Stay calm and refuse to get into an argument. Stick to the truth and walk away from anyone showing aggressive tendencies.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – A shift in the way you do things will upset a co-worker. Try to ease into any changes to avoid distress or repercussions. Subtle personal improvements are encouraged.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – Calm down, relax and reflect about the past, present and future. Now is not the time to make impulsive decisions, moves or changes that could disrupt relationships. Focus on self-improvement, not on changing others.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – Opportunities are apparent, as long as you don't overdo it. Stick to your game plan and don't feel you must overspend or compensate for someone else. Romance is encouraged.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – You are best off sticking to what you know and living within your means. Don't participate in someone else's plans if they don't suit your needs.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Don't worry about the opposition you face. Use your intelligence to counter anyone who gets in your way. Personal gains can be made, and love is in the stars.

HARD-WORKING DAD NEEDS HELP
RELATING TO HIS YOUNG DAUGHTER

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2017

DEAR ABBY: My husband works full-time, and when he gets home, and also on weekends, he's "exhausted" and needs to relax. He's in bed by 8 every night, and on the weekends, if we don't have something planned, he lies in bed all day napping and watching TV.

However, when he realizes he has a weekend day free (meaning I'm taking our 6-year-old daughter someplace he doesn't need to be), he all of a sudden "finds" the energy to make golf plans, go on outings with friends, etc. If I make plans to hire a baby sitter and it's just us going out, he has the energy and looks forward to it. It's as if he is happiest when he doesn't have to be with our child.

He does give her some attention, but it's just in spurts, and then he's off again to watch TV. I'm tired of asking him to make plans with her or spend time with her. I feel like a nag for something I feel he should want to do. Any advice? - **LIKE A SINGLE PARENT IN NEW HAMPSHIRE**

DEAR SINGLE PARENT: You married a man who may have no clue how to be a parent and doesn't know how to relate to a little girl. Children aren't stupid. They know when someone enjoys them and when someone doesn't.

The effect of his lack of interest will have an impact on how your daughter feels about herself when she's older. She will ask herself why her father acts the way he does and blame herself for it. (Aren't I smart enough? Aren't I pretty enough?)

Consider going with your husband to a



DEAR ABBY
Abigail Van Buren

psychologist who can provide him with some insight -- as well as suggestions -- about how to better relate to his daughter, because it isn't too late to make some changes that could benefit both of them.

DEAR ABBY: I need some outside advice. I just found out that my mother has breast cancer. That is hard enough, but I also found out that she has known for the last 18 months and decided to not take any measures to fight it.

My sisters say we should respect her decision and give her as much support as we can, but I can't help but want to push her to fight this. She said she doesn't want the pain of surgery and possibly chemotherapy. I need someone to help me understand what to do. Please. - **NEEDS SOME HELP IN TEXAS**

DEAR NEEDS SOME HELP: I don't know at what stage your mother's cancer was at the time of her diagnosis and whether she got a second opinion and counseling. After 18 months of not being treated, I also don't know at what stage it may be now. It may have been too late then -- or it may be too late now.

If she made her decision under the assumption that there would be no pain if she skipped the surgery/chemo, she was incorrect. There is pain either way, although with heavy medication it may be controlled.

I do think you should support her decision and make the best of the time you have together. Your sisters are right -- she will need your support as her disease progresses. My heart goes out to all of you. Please accept my sympathy.

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WHAT LABELS MEAN
-- AND DON'T MEAN

We all want healthier foods, but reading labels won't always help you spot them. Consumer Reports gives these pairs of terms to keep distinct in your mind:

"Organic" vs. "Natural"

Organic. This term is strictly regulated and can be on a label only when farmers and processors adhere to federal standards designed to promote a more sustainable food system. To be called organic, a food must contain at least 95 percent organic ingredients, which means crops are grown with fewer pesticides and no synthetic fertilizers or genetically modified organisms, and farm animals are fed organic feed and raised without the routine use of drugs, such as antibiotics. Processed foods labeled "organic" also cannot contain

artificial ingredients unless they go through a rigorous review process, and have no artificial preservatives, colors or flavors.

Natural. A 2015 nationally representative Consumer Reports survey found that 62 percent of consumers seek out foods with the "natural" label, and roughly as many of them think this term means no pesticides, no antibiotics and other attributes of organic foods. But it doesn't. There is little government regulation of this term. Consumer Reports has petitioned the FDA to ban it because it is so misleading. The agency called for public comments on the use of the word on labels, and is currently reviewing them. Meanwhile, manufacturers continue to use it.

"Pasture Raised" vs. "Free Range"

Pasture raised. This term alone on your egg carton does not have any meaning. Look for it in combination with the "American Humane Certified" or the "Certified Humane" seal. Together they mean that the hens must be outside every day and have lots of space to roam.

Free range. This claim on egg cartons implies that the hens get to move freely outdoors. But like "pasture raised," the label has no meaning alone. Look for it in combination with the "American Humane Certified" seal to ensure that the hens have sufficient outdoor space to roam.

"100 Percent Whole Grain" vs. "Made With Whole Grains"

One hundred percent whole grain. A product with this label should contain exclusively whole grains and should have whole-wheat flour (or another whole grain) listed as the first ingredient.

Made with whole grains. This means a product might contain only a small amount of whole grain - the rest of the grains can be refined.

"Low Sodium" vs. "Reduced Sodium"

Low sodium. Because it guarantees no more than 140 mg of sodium per serving, a product with this term is the right choice for anyone trying to keep salt intake in check.

Reduced sodium. For this designation, a product has to have at least 25 percent less sodium than the full-sodium version of the same product. It could still deliver a big sodium punch.

"Sugar Free" vs. "Unsweetened"

Sugar free. Such a product contains less than 0.5 grams of sugar per serving - including naturally occurring fruit and milk sugars. But it can (and often does) contain artificial sweeteners.

Unsweetened. No sugars - or artificial sweeteners - have been added to the product. Consumer Reports notes that it may still contain sugars that occur naturally.

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STEPFATHER'S SEXIST REMARKS IRRITATE READER

DEAR HARRIETTE: My stepfather has been making increasingly sexist comments whenever I visit him and (mostly) my mother. Now that they have been married a few years, I believe he thinks it's acceptable to let his guard down and spew his thoughts about how "women aren't really fit for the workplace." I know it's a bunch of malarkey, but it still angers me that my mother doesn't say anything to him. She's been working for over 30 years! Is it not my place to speak up? I feel like he says this to get a rise out of me. - **Ignoramus Stepfather, Cambridge, Massachusetts**

DEAR IGNORAMUS STEPFATHER: If your mother has yet to make a statement about her husband's behavior, chances are, she doesn't plan to do so. That means it is time for you to learn to ignore him. If you do not react to his comments, it is likely that he will eventually make fewer of them in your presence. You may want to figure out ways to spend time with your mother outside the house. Go on mother-daughter dates where the two of you can enjoy each other without him in the room. In this way, you will be able to avoid interacting with your stepfather for the most part.

DEAR HARRIETTE: I am not a particularly talkative person, and I am comfortable with silence. What I have realized, though, is that I am atrocious at barbershop small talk. When getting a trim every few weeks, my barber attempts to speak to me about anything from sports to family. I'm far too private and awkward to give

him a good conversation, and I wish he didn't feel the pressure to keep up constant conversation with me. Is there any way I can steer the conversation toward silence, or is this just a fact of life? - **Ixnay the Small Talk**

SENSE & SENSITIVITY



by Harriette Cole

DEAR IXNAY THE SMALL TALK: The best way to get your barber to stop asking you questions is for you to start asking him questions. Come up with a list of a few basic things that he typically likes to talk about. Then you start off the conversation by asking one of them. It could be as simple as "How was your week?" Or you can ask about some of the regulars who frequent the shop. You don't even have to listen attentively. A few grunts and "uh-huhs" should keep the conversation going. When he turns the conversation to you, ease it back to him. You can say, "Oh yes, my family is fine. How is yours?" That gives him the opportunity to spend time talking about himself. You can also close your eyes and pretend to take a little nap -- or just stop talking. It could be awkward for your barber at first, but if you stop responding, eventually he will stop asking you questions.

(Harriette Cole is a stylist and founder of DREAMLEAPERS, an initiative to help people access and activate their dreams. You can send questions to askharriette@harriettecole.com or c/o Andrews McMeel Syndication, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.)



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COMMENTARY

Apologies from an imperfect nester

BY LESLIE LINSLEY
Citizen Columnist

I apologize for not writing my column last Sunday. I was having an overload week; on a magazine assignment that involved a difficult photo shoot, editing my next book, which has been a most annoying experience due to a change in editors, and writing a weekly column for my local Nantucket paper. We are in the thick of the season with all its touristy problems experienced in Key West in the winter and this has put me in a most cranky mood. Not a good space for writing an upbeat column.

Friends often give me ideas for editorials (where are you Mike M. when I need you?). Their suggestions are often controversial, which I don't do. I write about home style. But right now I have a confession to make. I'm a sham. I give advice that I can't possibly follow, and I do it with total confidence. I am routinely asked to include my house on the "House & Garden" tour, which I always refuse. They say things like, "Oh your house must be perfect." It is not. The advice I offer on the joy of nesting is what I wish for. In the book publishing business they refer to my kind of books as dream books, like armchair travel. Many of my readers have either the time to do it themselves or the means to hire others. I have neither and so I live in a state of constant frustration.

If right now you are smugly thinking, "My house looks great and I've got everything under control" then invite friends you haven't seen for a long time to spend the weekend. And then pretend you are the person who writes a home style column that all your friends, relatives and unknown persons follow religiously. Expectations of how you live will be way out of proportion to reality and you will feel a heavy duty responsibility not to let them down.

I love my home and I am always tweaking it. When I have friends to dinner I set a nice table and, as a fanatic about lighting, it looks lovely. My friends don't inspect my



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SHUTTERING UP, PART I



Photos by BRIAN BASHAM/The Citizen

Aluminum roll-up shutters are permanently attached to a house on Key Haven, and can provide a 39 percent insurance discount for homeowners. The left shutter is in the down position, while the right shutter is rolled up. Besides giving protection from hurricanes, the shutters help block the afternoon sun and keep cooling costs down.

Key West can be greatly affected by the weather

BY BARBARA BOWERS
Citizen Columnist

Even before climate change was acknowledged by most governments worldwide, weather affected resort towns like Key West. My mom, for instance, expected the average 76 degree, sunny holiday in January 1986. Instead, she got a wet and cold 60-degree week so she simply couldn't understand why I moved here in 1988.

Little wind or rain systems play

havoc with first impressions, and can determine if a visitor chooses to come back. But for those of us living in the Keys, the real concern is big storms: Hurricanes cause pause for thought and about this time every year, safety and how to protect our homes is top of mind.

Recently, Matt Moreland, the meteorologist in charge of the National Weather Service facility in Key West, was talking hurricanes on Island 106.9 FM's Monday afternoon "Keys Real Estate Show."

Because it's been 12 years since the Keys were last heavily impacted, Moreland cautioned against complacency. He suggested everyone keep handy <http://www.weather.gov/keys> for hourly updates during active weather events, and he reminded homeowners they can review hurricane preparedness at <http://www.ready.gov>. This website's "to do" list begins with household advice 36 hours ahead of a storm. Then between 18 and 36 hours, it

encourages everyone to "Cover all windows," and says, "permanent storm shutters offer the best protection for windows."

If they are "best protection," permanent shutters are also easier to handle than boarding up "windows with fifth-eighths-inch exterior grade or marine plywood panels," which the website suggests as a second option.

Putting up panels of any kind is time consuming and inconvenient even when the hardware to hold them in place is already in place. What's more, plywood, which may be permanently attached in the form of Colonial (side-hinge) or Bahama (top-hinge) panel shutters, offers little by way of insurance discounts.

"Plywood is C rated and can get a homeowner a 2 percent discount, while a class A-rated hurricane shutter can deliver a 39 percent discount," said Steve Hinchcliffe, owner of Hurricane Shutters of Key West since 1998.

"My business is shutters only, and primarily class A hurricane shutters made of aluminum, Lexan or fabric screen," he said.

Akin to solids like aluminum and



Bahama-style shutters are hinged at the top, like these at 5 Brothers Grocery and Sandwich Shop at the corner of Southard and Grinnell streets.

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Botanists name and rename the long stalked stopper

BY ROBIN ROBINSON
Citizen Columnist

It is appropriate that the long stalked stopper is planted in front of the West Martello Fort as the Fort is a martello, a corruption of mortella, which means myrtle after the vegetation where the fort was built in Corsica. The long stalked stopper is in the Myrtle Family so it belongs in front of a martello. The Myrtle Family includes guava, allspice, cloves, and eucalyptus.

It also has a history of

botanical name corruption. Over the years, botanists, who have a morbid delight in re-classifying plants, have given it 27 different genus or species names. Currently, it is called Mosiera longpipes. Most of the wide variety of other names, end in longpipes. It is named after a Florida botanist Charles A. Mosier. The Key West Garden



Club has established a native garden in Pat Rogers Garden in front of West Martello Fort. (The State of Florida considers long stalked stopper threatened.) This mini-preserve contains the long stalked stopper as well as other rare, endangered or threatened native plants.

Many of the hammocks where it once existed have been destroyed. Property tax relief is provided by the State of Florida to landowners who, in exchange, preserve forest fragments on private property (EEL

- 2014) provided that they follow an approved management plan. Pine rocklands and hardwood hammocks are the two areas to be preserved. Most of them are between Miami and Homestead.

The gray trunks of this shrub are quite short, however, the branches are long and trailing like long pipes. The wood is very hard with a specific gravity of .94. That is the measure of a wood's density compared to water. Water is 1.0. Balsa wood has



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See ROBINSON, Page 2D Long stalked stopper is found in front of the Garden Club.

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Lexan, class A hurricane fabric shutters are engineered to withstand 180-mile-per-hour winds. Difference, though, is fabric shutters are lighter weight and can drape across your arm while standing on a ladder to put them up.

This polypropylene or resin-coated hybrid fabric is removable, looks something like Kevlar and is woven to fit any size window or door.

"It's a wind abutment system," said Andrew Flowers, of Flowers General Contracting. "I work with AstroGuard products, and the see-through Astroflex is its newest — an improvement if you're staying inside the home during a particularly bad hurricane season like 2005."

If you own your home outright, you don't have to have insurance, but mortgage lenders mandate insurances on homes. And if you expect to collect damages from hurricanes, insurance companies mandate protection of some kind for windows and doors. Doesn't matter if it's removeable panels or permanently attached shutters; doesn't matter what the shutter material is, or its rating.

The cost and benefit to the homeowner varies according to the product, of course, and according to the convenience of, say, motorized roll-up and-down shutters.

There's a good range of choices, unless you live in the historic district, where shuttering up is more limited. The Historic Architectural Review Commission prefers wood-louver shutters that reflect the past. But the commission sanctions removable panel shutters made of almost any material; permanently attached shutters are another matter. So: More on this next week.

Photos by BRIAN BASHAM/The Citizen

The flexible fabric shutter fits over this Old Town window.

Panel style shutters or permanently attached Colonial-style shutters like these, if made of plywood, can get a 2 percent insurance discount for homeowners.

Barbara Bowers is a Key West Realtor and host of a radio talk show about owning and maintaining property in the Florida Keys. To suggest a home to be featured in the Keys Homes section, send an email to barbara@bbowers.com. Homes listed for sale may not be considered.

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a specific gravity of .2. The close-grained, reddish brown wood has not been studied for its characteristics, but it is definitely hard. It grows at a moderate rate to six-feet in height and is wider than it is tall.

A gardener might consider planting the shrub around the outer edges of a yard because deer do not like it. The low branches make it a barrier shrub and groundcover. It does grow well in pine rocklands or hammocks found in Big Pine Key. Although it is classified as native, it was never found growing in Key West, but still, it likes our sandy, well-drained soil, and can survive a drought. Strong salt winds burn its leaves and it will not do well if its roots are wet for a long period of time. It also grows in Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Bahamas, Mexico, Guatemala and Brazil.

The striking, green leaves are ovate with sharp pointed tips and are approximately one-inch long. They grow opposite each other on the drooping stems. The mid-rib on the bottom of the leaf is reddish. New growth is reddish as well.

The shrub is covered in small, showy white flowers with numerous white stamens year round. They turn into pea-sized fruit, which turns red and then purplish-black. The fruit contains numerous seeds. Long stalked stopper attracts the three Bs: bees, butterflies and birds.

NOTES

The Key West Garden Club welcomes volunteers to work on the historic fort, pull weeds, propagate plants and play in the sandy soil at West Martello Tower from 9 a.m. to noon on Mondays.

Key West Master Gardener Robin Robinson was a columnist for the Chicago Daily News and syndicat-

ROBIN ROBINSON/The Citizen

Flowers are small, but showy.

ed with Princeton Features. Her books "Plants of Paradise" and award-winning "Roots, Rocks and Rain: Native Trees of the Florida Keys," can be found at the Garden Club. This column is part of a series developed by the Key West Garden Club. For information visit www.keywestgardenclub.com.

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baseboards to see if the paint is less than perfect. When I point out a worn spot on the wooden floor, my son-in-law says, "I could walk over this floor for ten years and never notice. " Most people are this way. But, guests are coming in August and I am looking at the imperfection in my house. Suddenly the small burn in my kitchen counter top looks like a giant pimple on the end of my nose. Why haven't we found a solution for fixing that? Because, finding a solution to the problem, which probably involves a new kitchen counter, is harder than ignoring it. Until you can't! It's like a mattress. You turn it. You flip it. It's fine until that moment when it isn't and it's time for a new one.

My husband thinks I'm exaggerating about the state of affairs in our house. "Look at the big picture," he says. "The house is great." I try his approach and then buy new bedding because that's what I tell

people to do when they're having guests.

In my defense, I do keep up with home trends so I can advise those who not only care about what is current and what is passe.

So I was taken aback last year when I received an irate email. It was from a male reader concerning my Mother's Day column about making simple frames for photos to send to grandparents. Usually emails from readers are complimentary and I appreciate their time to let me know they enjoyed something I wrote. But this person was compelled to tell me that I had personally offended him with my writing, which he called "drivel." He felt I somehow owed him the two "wasted" minutes of his Sunday that he had spent reading the column. I responded with a polite email that took me exactly two minutes to compose, so he would at least feel I'd returned his time in kind, but did not apologize for having disappointed him.

I assumed he got more than his 50 cents worth from The Citizen as

I have to assume there was some redeeming reading matter worth his time. I was surprised to find that even writing about a subject as harmless as crafting a frame for Grandma can offend some people and so, by comparison, having baseboards that scream for a paint job might actually offend, or, at the very least, disappoint those guests who have come to think of me as the one person who has a perfect nest. Does this mean I'll spend the next month painting and redoing my kitchen counter? I want to say, "I doubt it", but I'm not sure. I know one thing however, I will have cut flowers and candles on every table to distract them from my imperfect reality.

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How to Increase Storage in Tight Spaces

Cozy, quaint homes attract many home buyers and renters. Be it a cottage-style house or a studio apartment, smaller living spaces often involve getting creative with storage.

People live in a smaller homes for a variety of reasons. Some choose to live in a smaller home so they can be right in the thick of things in a city or urban center. Others scale back on living space in an effort to save money. But storage space in small quarters is often at a premium, and thinking creatively is a necessity to keep the home tidy and items out of view. Rainy or chilly days are the perfect times to tackle indoor organization projects.

When the outdoors isn't beckoning, you can devote all of your attention to addressing storage issues in your home. To begin, take inventory of what you have, going through your possessions and determining what can stay and what can go. Part with anything you haven't used in quite some time.

The next step is to sort items and get organized. Then you can find a place for everything. For example, if you have a dozen bath towels but only one sauce pot, you will need to find more room for linens than kitchen cookware. You may need to borrow space from one area of the home to give to another area. The following are some additional tips to increase space in an otherwise cramped home.

- Add shelves. Increase cabinet and closet space by adding shelves into them. This may double or even triple the amount of usable space, especially if you customize the shelving to fit storage containers you use to store everything from shoes to craft items.
- Opt for dual-purpose furniture. Benches with lids that lift up and sofas that convert into guest beds are just a few of the many ways you can keep a small home neat and increase storage space. An ottoman is a great place to store extra blankets and linens, while a trunk or crate with a sturdy top can be used in lieu of a traditional coffee table to keep books or board games.
- Think vertically. When floor space is at a premium, you may need to look up for storage. Frequently used pots and pans can be hung from a decorative rack in your kitchen. Use magnets on jars to store a spice rack on the wall near the stove. Racks above cabinets or on doors can be used to store everything from shoes to jewelry to toiletries. Shelving in children's rooms can store lesser used toys away from the floor. Empty walls are valuable real estate in a small home, and tall bookshelves can house a number of different things.
- Take advantage of oddly shaped crevices. If you have space under a staircase or a spot by a dormer or in an attic eave, use the space to store items. You may need to get creative, such as adding a door and small closet into the staircase, but such spaces make practical storage areas and add character to a home.
- Use see-through storage containers. Many people find that plastic storage bins are neater and more stackable than boxes. See-through bins enable you to quickly find items so that you are not searching around the house for lost items and creating a bigger mess along the way. Clear storage containers work in the refrigerator, too. You can more easily spot leftovers, and uniform stacking containers free up more room for bulkier items.
- Make use of space beneath your bed. There likely is ample room to store more things than just dust bunnies beneath your bed. A bed frame with built-in drawers is the perfect place to keep bed linens and out-of-season clothes. Beds can be raised on blocks to create more space underneath for storing rolling plastic containers and even seldom-used suitcases.
- Opt for an armoire. Armoires are not exclusive to bedrooms. Armoires can be used in dining spaces or in dens to store items out of sight. An armoire can be used when retrofitted with a pull-out shelf as a laptop desk, storing all office items behind closed doors when not needed.
- Improve storage in the bathroom. Try to choose a vanity that has under-the-sink storage so you will have a place to store some toiletries. Home improvement centers sell cabinets and etageres that can be placed above the toilet tank as a storage space for bathroom items. In the shower, hang a second tension-loaded shower curtain rod on the inside of the shower enclosure that can be used to hold bags of kids bath toys and other toiletries, keeping them off the tub ledges.

When you think creatively, you can maximize storage space even in a small home.

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Primary Mortgage Insurance

Primary mortgage insurance, or PMI, protects lenders in the event that borrowers default on their primary mortgage by ceasing to make payments, resulting in homes ending up in foreclosure. But all borrowers do not have to pay PMI.

Typically, home buyers must make a 20 percent down payment on a home when they buy it. However, some borrowers are unable to put down 20 percent. In such instances, the lender will require they pay PMI. This is because the lender views a borrower who cannot make an initial 20 percent down payment as a riskier investment, and lenders charge PMI in an effort to protect themselves should the borrower prove worthy of their skepticism.

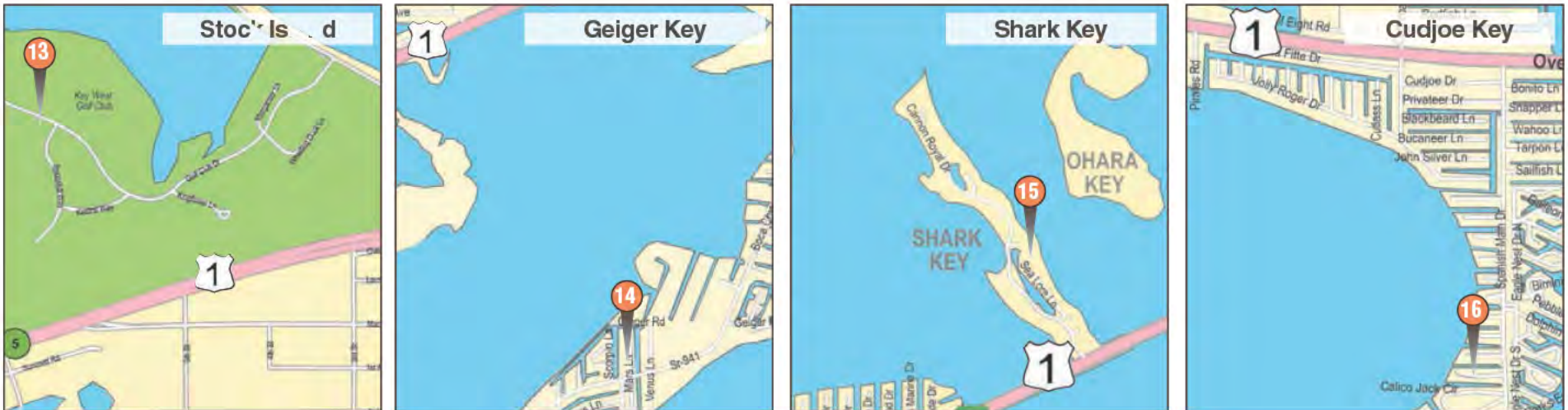
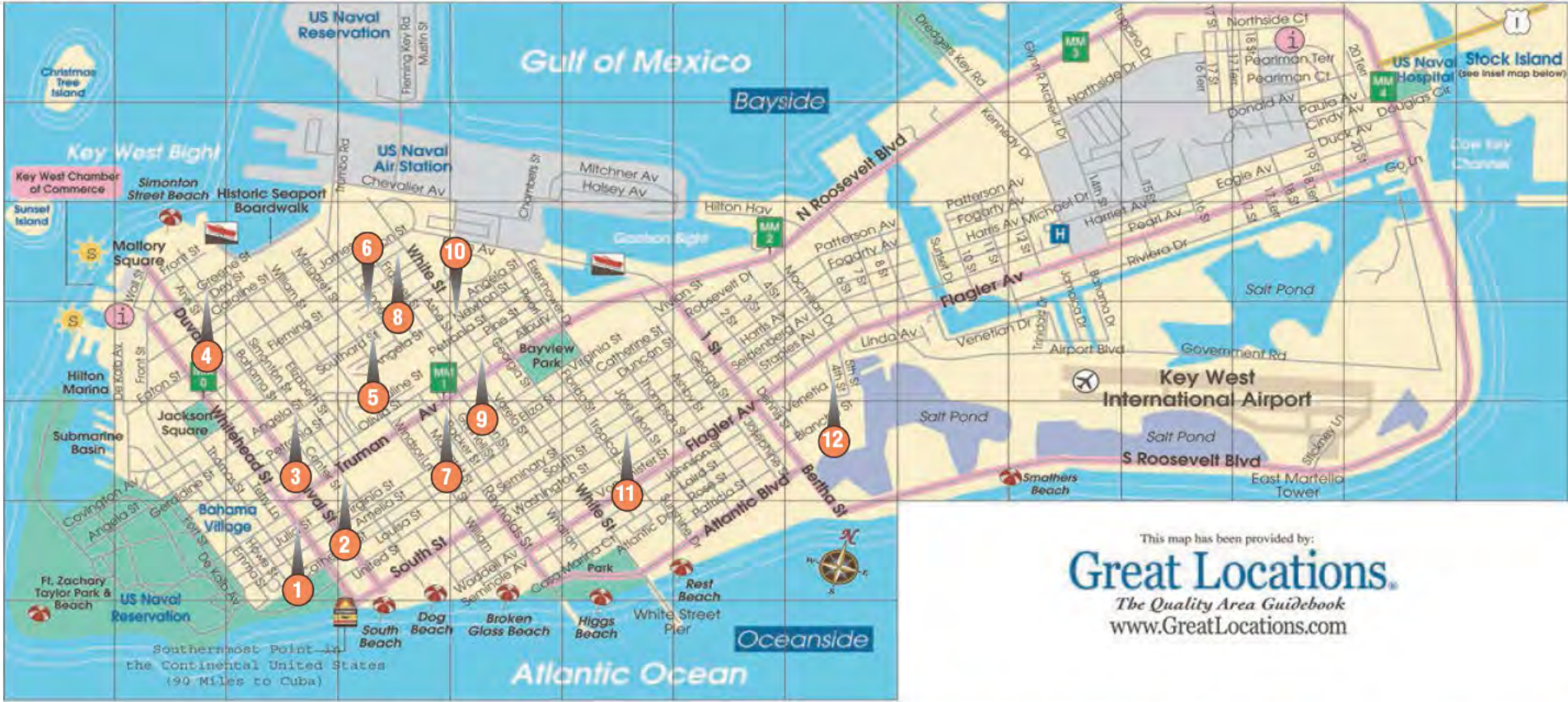
PMI will be factored into the monthly mortgage payment, but borrowers should know they do not have to continue paying PMI once they have paid enough toward the principal amount of the loan. For most, this means once they have paid 20 percent of the principal, then they can ask that the monthly PMI payment be removed. Many borrowers are unaware of this or even forget to ask, but it's within their rights as borrowers and can save a substantial amount of money over the course of the mortgage loan.

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7 Reasons to Shop Farmers' Markets

A farmers' market is likely coming to a field or open parking lot near you — if there isn't already one operating nearby. The United States Department of Agriculture says that, between the years of 2008 and 2013, the number of farmers' markets doubled across the country.

Farmers' markets will continue to thrive and expand as people increasingly realize the benefits of supporting local food providers. Buyers who are not yet familiar with farmer's markets can examine the following seven reasons to break the ice.

- 1. Enjoy fresh, seasonal foods.**

Foods at farmers' markets tend to be limited to in-season offerings. Some nutritionists suggest eating seasonally available foods is better for your body, because humans ate seasonal produce for thousands of years before shipping and refrigeration changed how people received the majority of their foods. In addition, many people feel that fresh, seasonal foods taste better than the alternatives.
- 2. Discover new foods.**

There's always something new at a farmers' market, and this can entice shoppers to expand their flavor palates. Explore interesting, locally grown items. Even children may fall in love with colorful fruits or vegetables and their refreshing tastes.
- 3. Embrace organic and non-GMO offerings.**

Many farmers' markets offer foods that are organically grown and are produced without GMOs. Farmers' market retailers also tend to give firsthand accounts of where their foods come from and how they are grown or raised.

- 4. Indulge in nutritious foods.**

The vivid colors and smells emanating from farmers' markets indicate just how fresh and nutritious the offerings tend to be. Farmers who peddle their wares at farmers' markets adhere to careful farming methods to ensure their foods are as nutritious as possible.
- 5. Learn secrets and recipes.**

In addition to fresh produce, farmers' markets may offer baked and other prepared goods. Shopkeepers often mingle with their customers, offering trade secrets and recipe ideas. Additionally, local farm families supported by farmers' markets generally offer supreme customer service to keep shoppers coming back week after week.
- 6. Turn the trip into a social excursion.**

A farmers' market can be an exciting and flavorful social gathering place for families and groups of friends, as well as a great place to meet other members of the community. Sometimes farmers also mingle with local artisans, so the market can be a one-stop-shopping locale for locally produced food and art.
- 7. Save money.**

Farmers' markets may sell organic produce at a cost comparable or even lower than other retailers. That's because local farmers don't have to transport their items as far as retailers whose foods were shipped from far away places.

Any time of the year is perfect for grabbing a tote bag and browsing the wares at a nearby farmers' market, where shoppers are bound to find something fresh, unique and delicious.

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